

*The policies and guidelines referenced within this document are those of British Canoeing, the Scottish Canoe Association, Canoe Wales and the Canoe Association of Northern Ireland.*

## Minimum Training Requirement

An equivalent to the British Canoeing's Introduction to Safeguarding course can be accepted. An example is the [NSPCC Child Protection in Sport online course](#). This offers basic introduction to safeguarding and child protection but is not a substitute for where direct delivery is required.\*

To find out if your online training course can be accepted as an equivalent to British Canoeing's Introduction to Safeguarding course send the course certificate and details to [coaching@britishcanoeing.org.uk](mailto:coaching@britishcanoeing.org.uk), CANI members – [office@cani.org.uk](mailto:office@cani.org.uk), SCA members – [andy.murray@canoescotland.org](mailto:andy.murray@canoescotland.org), CW members – [admin@canoewales.com](mailto:admin@canoewales.com).

*\*Individuals who work regularly or alone with children should undertake the UK Coaching Safeguarding and Protecting Children workshop or a safeguarding workshop as described below.*

## Safeguarding Workshops

We appreciate that individuals may have undertaken safeguarding courses through work or other organisations. The following criterion indicates the requirements for a course to be considered as an equivalent to the recognised and recommended UK Coaching Safeguarding and Protecting Children workshop.

1. Attended within the last three years.
2. Courses must involve a minimum of 2 hours direct delivery.
3. A certificate from the course is available to prove attendance.
4. Details of learning outcomes from the course is made available.
5. The course should include the following training outcomes so that coaches are able to:
  - identify situations and practices that might constitute either poor practice or possible abuse
  - identify ways of dealing with your own feelings about child abuse and state what constitutes neglect, physical, sexual and emotional abuse
  - recognise the signs and symptoms of abuse and appreciate why reporting it is often so difficult
  - identify appropriate action if a child discloses he/she has been abused
  - identify appropriate action if abuse is suspected and explain the role and responsibilities of other experts (e.g. police, social services)
  - describe appropriate practice that reduces the likelihood of abuse occurring

To find out if your Safeguarding training course can be accepted as an equivalent to the UK Coaching Safeguarding and Protecting Children workshop send the course certificate and details of the learning outcomes to [coaching@britishcanoeing.org.uk](mailto:coaching@britishcanoeing.org.uk), CANI members – [office@cani.org.uk](mailto:office@cani.org.uk), SCA members – [andy.murray@canoescotland.org](mailto:andy.murray@canoescotland.org), CW members – [admin@canoewales.com](mailto:admin@canoewales.com).

## Safeguarding Refresher / Renewal Training:

Those requiring 3 yearly renewal training can do so by undertaking British Canoeing's Safeguarding Refresher eLearning course or UK Coaching's Online Renewal course. A renewal course can **only** be accepted if a face to face basic workshop has previously been completed. It **cannot** be used as a substitute for the initial face to face training.

## Time to Listen/In Safe Hands Workshop – for Club and Event Welfare Officers

This is a British Canoeing/NSPCC/Children First workshop and as such there is currently no equivalent. However, if a designated officer has attended a Time to Listen/In Safe Hands Workshop with another sport – then they would need to familiarise themselves with British Canoeing's policies and procedures, including who to report concerns to and where Safeguarding resources and guidance can be found.