



Welcome to the August 2026 Club Welfare Officer update, where we bring you the latest news and resources to help you in your role as the CWO for your club.

BRITISH JUDO UPDATES



BJA Online Safeguarding Conference 2026

The theme for this year's BJA conference will be: Safeguarding our Sport Communities within the risks of child/adult sexual abuse and exploitation.

- Survivor Perspective
- Contextual Safeguarding
- Operation Make Safe
- CSA & CSE
- Online Risks & Threats

BJA Club Welfare Officers (BJA, AJA & BJC CWOs only); 6 October, 7:00pm–9:30pm

Stakeholder Conference (including partner organisations and BJA clubs); 8 October, 10:00am–3:30pm

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Safeguarding Spotlight: Safeguarding Red Flags

This month, our Safeguarding Spotlight focuses on Safeguarding Red Flags – a selection of indicators that may suggest a child, young person, or family is at risk and may require additional support.

These factors are often present in families involved in serious case reviews, highlighting the importance of awareness and early identification in sport.

This article covers sensitive topics – please take care when reading.

Note: Many factors can indicate that an individual or family may be at risk. The themes outlined below are examples only and are not an exhaustive list.

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Changes to DBS Requirements - Removal of the Supervision Exemption

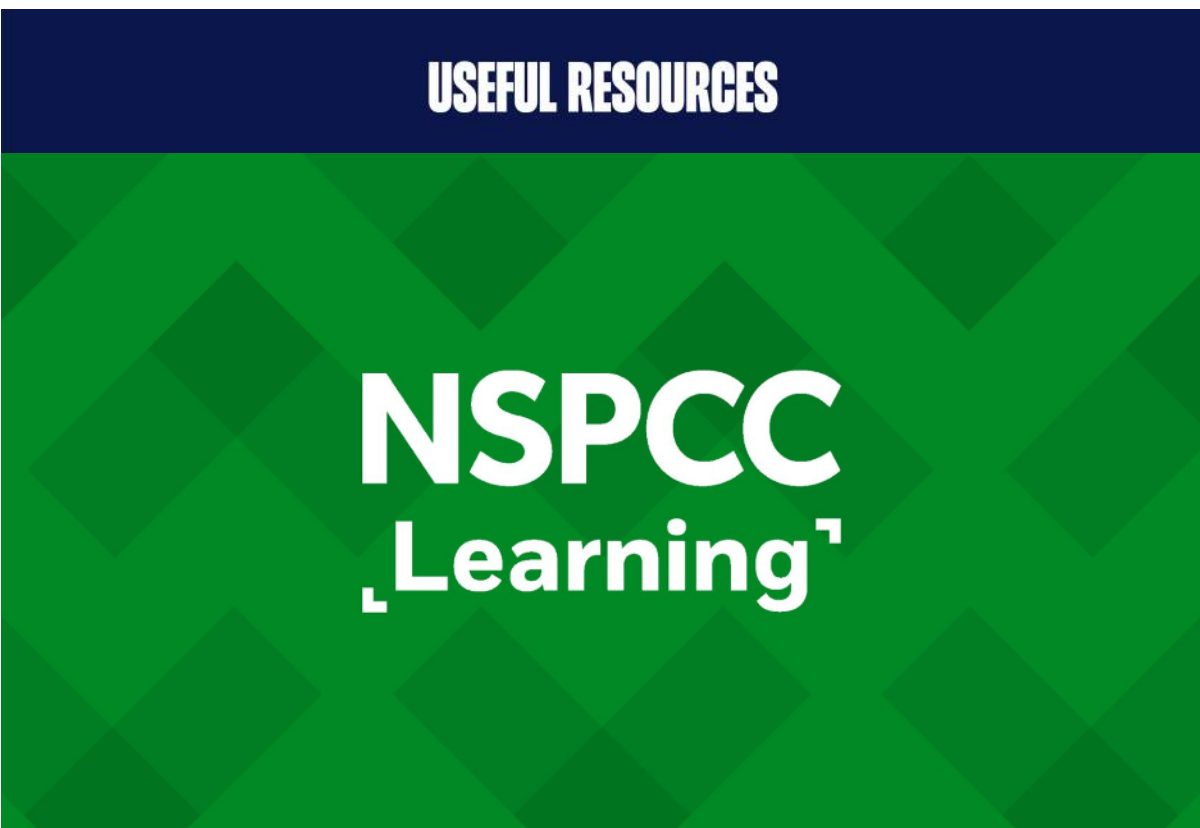
From 1 September 2026, the supervision exemption for volunteers working with children will be removed. This means some volunteers may now be considered to be undertaking regulated activity and require an Enhanced DBS check with Children's Barred List information, even where they are supervised. British Judo is awaiting further DBS and sport-specific guidance and will update clubs as soon as further information is available.

British Judo requires all club Coaches & CWOs (who in most cases are volunteers) to have an Enhanced DBS with Children's Barred List information in England & Wales (Scotland & Northern Ireland have their own safe recruitment checks; i.e. PVG in Scotland).

Clubs are responsible for determining the DBS requirements for any other volunteers they recruit – see the BJA Safe Recruitment of Volunteers in Clubs Guide in Club Guidance in [Useful Safeguarding Resources](#). Where a volunteer role meets the requirements for regulated activity, the club will need to arrange and cover the cost of the appropriate DBS check.

For queries, contact safeguarding@britishjudo.org.uk, copying in dbs@britishjudo.org.uk.

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Keeping Children Safe in Education

The Department for Education (DfE) has published updates to the statutory safeguarding and child protection guidance for schools in England, Keeping children safe in education (KCSIE).

The 2026 edition of the guidance is currently for information only and will come into force on 1 September 2026.

The guidance sets out what schools and colleges in England must do to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people under the age of 18. This briefing summarises the changes to the guidance.

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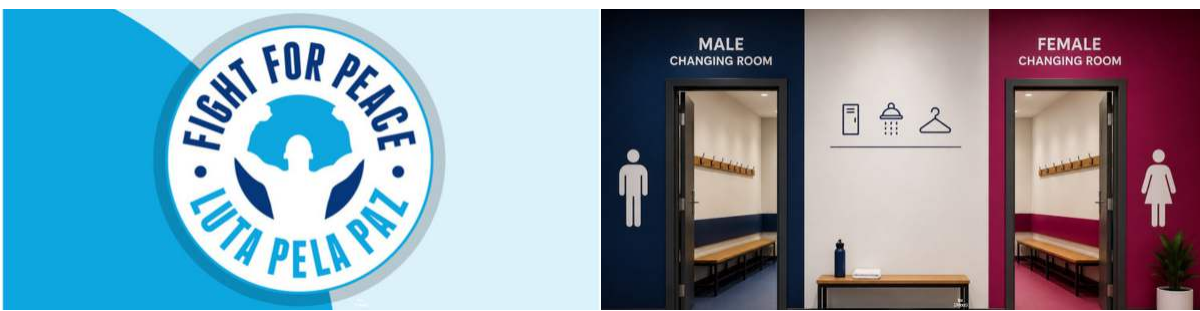
Working Together to Safeguard Children 2026: Summary of Changes

The Department for Education (DfE) published a new edition of its statutory guidance Working together to safeguard children in March 2026. This 2026 edition replaces Working together to safeguard children 2023.

The guidance outlines what organisations and agencies must and should do to help, protect and promote the welfare of all babies, children and young people under the age of 18 in England.

This briefing outlines the main changes in the 2026 edition.

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Fight for Peace's New Resource Champions Muslim Athletes

Fight for Peace has launched a new resource titled Engaging Muslim Women in Male-Dominated Sports.

Created in collaboration with the Muslim Sport Foundation and built from the lived experience of Muslim women who attend and coach at Fight for Peace, this piece seeks to increase sector understanding and awareness of the issues women and girls face, focusing on the experiences of Muslim women and how to overcome these challenges.

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New Guidance on Single Sex Spaces

Single-sex spaces open to the public, such as toilets and changing rooms, should be organised based on biological sex, according to official guidance that has come into force. The Equality Act provides protections for people on the grounds of both biological sex and gender reassignment. The guidance is now in place in England, Wales and Scotland.

Please see BJA Inclusion of Transgender Members in Clubs: FAQs in our [Transgender and Participation Policy](#).

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