

NATIONAL TEAM SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

The main purpose of a National Team Safeguarding Officer (NTSO) is to promote good practice and implement safeguarding policies for that programme. The NTSO needs to ensure that all appropriate policies and procedures are followed and documentation completed in accordance with BaseballSoftballUK policy and current legislation.

TIME COMMITMENT:

- You will need to attend a one-day 'Time to Listen' safeguarding course run by the NSPCC Child Protection in Sport Unit (CPSU).
- You will need to engage in correspondence and conversations with the appointed GB Team's staff, players and parents.

WHAT YOU'LL DO:

- Familiarise yourself with all relevant policies and procedures, including the Joint Safeguarding Policies and Procedures and those relating to travelling with young people, so you can support the implementation of these policies effectively and clarify them for colleagues and players.
- Promote awareness of best safeguarding practice within the national team environment.
- Promote the BSUK Codes of Conduct and work with others in the national team programme to support their implementation.
- Promote BSUK's guidance on social media use.
- Be the first point of contact for coaches, umpires and volunteers where concerns about a child, poor practice or potential abuse are identified.

- In consultation with the BSUK Safeguarding Officer, ensure that any incidents or concerns are reported and managed in accordance with the Joint Safeguarding Policy.
- Be an approachable point of contact for players and promote your role.
- Actively seek to get the views and engagement of players and to involve them in decision-making where appropriate.
- Check that relevant team staff have current Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) criminal record checks in place.

SKILLS REQUIRED:

- Friendliness and approachability.
- Good listener/effective communicator.
- Confidence and leadership skills.
- Organisational skills.
- Enthusiasm and motivational skills.
- Knowledge of safeguarding policies and procedures and a current DBS check.
- The ability to deal with confidential matters.
- The ability to be tactful when dealing with sensitive issues.

BENEFITS:

- Learning new skills and developing existing skills through hands-on experience.
- Personal and professional development and/or training.
- A chance to have fun and meet new people, enjoying the excitement that baseball or softball national teams can generate.
- Experiencing new challenges.
- Supporting the elite playing community in your sport, with the personal satisfaction that comes from knowing you have helped others.

- A written/verbal reference.
- A brilliant CV booster (73% of employers will employ a candidate with volunteer experience over one without).

SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

- The NTSO must have a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check.
- The NTSO must complete the 'Time to Listen' safeguarding course or a suitable equivalent within six months of appointment.



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