

National Music Festivals

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

The Purpose and function of the Organisation

The Music Festival provides a platform for amateur performance combined with an educational element from professional musicians.

The Festival Environment

The Festival is run by volunteers who are, in partnership with parents, guardians and Officers seeking to provide a safe environment as far as reasonably practicable for all who attend this event.

To whom does the Policy apply?

This policy relates to children under the age of 18 years and vulnerable adults of any age who are identified to organisers prior to their arrival at the Festival. This notification should be made by contacting the Section Administrator. The Festival actively seeks to meet as far as practicable any special needs notified in advance to the Committee by parents/guardians and/or Officers to enable all participants to gain the most from their involvement in this event.

Festival Personnel

All personnel are identified by an approved badge. The Festival follows the guidelines of the Protection of Children Act 1999 in selecting personnel and maintaining responsible records.

Preparation for attendance at the Festival

The Festival is not a childcare organisation in the full meaning of the Protection of Children Act 1999. Parents, guardians and/or Officers in charge of groups are reminded that they are the primary carers, and the safety and good behaviour of all children is totally their responsibility while attending the Festival. If parents and guardians are unable to attend the Festival, they must satisfy themselves that their children are properly supervised by another responsible adult acting on their behalf. The Festival personnel are not permitted to take on this role.

Performance and Changing Areas

The Festival endeavours to provide the most suitable performance and changing facilities available but draws to the attention of parents and guardians and Officers that areas may be unsupervised. No responsibility can be undertaken for loss of personal property, including instruments.

Photography, Videotapes and Press photography

Unauthorised photography and recording of any kind is not allowed during performances, only at cup presentations with the agreement of the responsible adult(s) of the person(s) being photographed. No Press photography is allowed without prior notification.

The legislation and guidance that supports this policy

The Children's Act 1989, The Police Act 1997, The Data Protection Act 1998, The Human Rights Act 1998, The Protection of Children Act 1999, The Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000.

Policy Review

The Festival undertakes to treat every problem seriously, to document it and follow it through. The Policy will constantly be reviewed to improve and enhance it as necessary. It will also look to other agencies for good practice and guidelines.

