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Dear Members,

You may be aware that the SACU entered into a full working agreement with SportScotland three or so years ago to create the Scottish Motorsport Project (SMS). One of our obligations is to create a new standard of governance, to a level we've never had before. This is vital in our work with SportScotland and critical to maintain our funding.

Perhaps the most important part of the policy level of documentation is that of Child Protection. We are all well aware of the historic issues with football that appeared in the media recently, we have to address the issue as best we can and this policy and its inherent procedures does this. It has been signed off as "fit for purpose" by Children 1<sup>st</sup>, SportScotland's appointed agency to manage Safeguarding in Sport.

The Board of Directors have gone through much debate on the policy, however in simple terms it is required by law and fits the demands of the Children's Act 2014 (Scotland). As we operate within Scotland our policy must meet the demands of the law in Scotland.

We have created the policy to ensure the demands on clubs and events are not onerous (this applies only to events where under 18's can and will participate):

- Nominate a Child Protection Contact for the club and any events (usually the events Secretary)
- Complete the incident form that will accompany event permit packs including a Nil Return
- Ensure any coaches who have passed the SACU Coaching Qualifications have the relevant PVG Check completed.

In due course, the Permit Application Form will change to ask for a nominated CP Contact for events and the Permit Pack will also contain an Incident form (which can be found at Annex C of the Policy document) which we will require back.

We have appointed Kirstin Pennycook as our Child Protection Officer; her contact details are available on the SACU Website. Alternatively correspondence can be passed to me via the SACU office.

We cannot force clubs to adopt our policy in full but we would strongly encourage clubs to review their own policies to ensure they are covered in terms of the law in Scotland.

Yours in Sport

Donald Young  
Company Secretary