

## Criteria 2

To achieve Go-Ride Clubmark status, your club needs to appoint a Club Welfare Officer who will attend appropriate child protection training and promote welfare issues within the club.

### Why should your club do this?

A Club Welfare Officer is a designated club official who advises on welfare issues and is a confidential contact for anyone with any concerns about someone's welfare within the club. This is an important volunteer role because to provide young people with the best possible experience in cycling, it is imperative that everyone operates within an accepted ethical framework and demonstrates exemplary behaviour. This not only ensures that cycling makes a positive contribution to the development of young people and safeguards their welfare, but also protects all personnel from false allegations of abuse and poor practice.

### How to implement this criteria

The designated Club Welfare Officer must attend child protection training such as Sports Coach UK's Safeguarding and Protecting Children workshop and cannot be in a relationship with a coach from the club. This will ensure that the Club Welfare Officer is able to act as a confidential contact and has the knowledge and skills necessary to identify and respond appropriately to concerns about the safety of young people.

The Club Welfare Officer can then fulfil his duties (Appendix 2b) by:

- making himself known to people in the club
- attending club activities on a regular basis
- liaising with club officials when implementing new policies/activities.

The training is valid for a period of three years after which the Club Welfare Officer will be required to refresh their training ready for re-accreditation.

## Criteria 2.1

How to evidence achievement of this criteria.

Sign in the space provided.

## Criteria 2.2

Provide a certificate of attendance at a child protection course for the Club Welfare Officer.

### Declaration

Name of Clubmark Representative:

Date:

Signature:

Note:

Club Welfare Officers can attend Sports Coach UK's Safeguarding and Protecting Children course. Visit [sportscoachuk.org](http://sportscoachuk.org) for more information.