



SAFEGUARDING STRATEGY

2026 - 2030

MOTORSPORT UK SAFEGUARDING TEAM



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OUR COMMITMENT TO SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding protects the spirit of motorsport. It ensures our sport is safer, fairer and fun for everyone - enabling more people to enjoy motorsport, more often.

As we power the sport forward with Vision 2030 (our strategy for motorsport in the UK over the next five years), safeguarding plays a vital role in:

- Building confidence across our community
- Strengthening club and volunteer culture
- Supporting inclusion, respect and wellbeing
- Creating positive environments where people feel safe to take part and proud to belong

Safeguarding is championed at Board level, supported by a designated safeguarding lead, and delivered by our dedicated safeguarding team working closely with club safeguarding officers across the UK. Together, we embed safer practices every day - at events, in venues and in our digital spaces.

OUR SAFEGUARDING VISION

*A COMMUNITY WHERE PEOPLE
FEEL SAFE, RESPECTED AND
SUPPORTED - POWERED BY
PASSION, GROUNDED IN CARE,
AND PROTECTED BY ALL OF US*

YOUR SAFEGUARDING TEAM

*OUR SAFEGUARDING WORK IS
DELIVERED THROUGH A COMMITTED
AND EXPERIENCED TEAM*



***CHRIS WALKINGSHAW,
HR & OPERATIONS DIRECTOR***

Ensuring safeguarding remains a strategic priority, embedded in culture, processes and performance.



***VICKIE LEWIS,
HEAD OF SAFEGUARDING***

Leading strategy, governance and operational, delivery across motorsport.



***CLAIRE WOOD,
SAFEGUARDING & WELFARE
CASE MANAGER***

Providing expert guidance on cases, supporting victims and witnesses, coordinating with statutory agencies and ensuring timely, sensitive case resolution. Providing and coordinating post-incident support to our motorsport community.



***CIARA NICHOLSON,
SAFEGUARDING DEVELOPMENT &
COMPLIANCE OFFICER***

Coordinating suitability checks across required roles in the sport, strengthening safeguarding standards, leading on engagement and training; developing engaging training and resources for our community.

DRIVING SAFER CULTURES

Safeguarding protects the enjoyment of motorsport. When people feel safe, welcome and supported, they stay in the sport, return to the sport and invite others into it – helping get more people enjoying motorsport, more often.

Safer cultures help us retain participants, renew lapsed participants and recruit new ones:

RETAIN - *Safeguarding builds trust and confidence for existing members. It helps build the culture in the sport.*

RENEW - *Safeguarding rebuilds trust for those who previously stepped away due to negative experiences. Members can see the pro-active commitment of Motorsport UK.*

RECRUIT - *Safeguarding reassures the community including parents and new members*

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility – and together, we're creating a community where respectful behaviours flourish and harm is addressed quickly and compassionately.





CULTURE



GOVERNANCE



ENGAGEMENT



EDUCATION



COMPLIANCE

**OUR
PROGRESS
SO FAR**

- Safeguarding cultures promoted through **Driving Safer Cultures** training
- Assisted our Sporting colleagues to embed **Race With Respect** across motorsport
- **Club Safeguarding Officers** in place across permitted clubs
- Designated **Board Safeguarding Lead** in place
- Safeguarding is a **standing item** on Board agendas
- Safeguarding represented within **senior leadership**
- **Training** for Board & executive members
- **Regular communications**, webinars and newsletters
- **Safeguarding presence at key events** and junior championships
- **Development of youth-focused initiatives** promoting awareness
- **Advanced training** for over 378 Club Safeguarding Officers
- **Internal safeguarding training** for all Motorsport UK staff
- **Growing network** of safeguarding trainers
- **Stronger suitability checks** and regulated role identification
- **New mandatory safeguarding standards** for Affiliated Clubs
- Engagement-led audits and policies **implemented across disciplines**

PROGRESS SO FAR

***PROGRESS SINCE 2020 GIVES
US A STRONG FOUNDATION,
NOW WE BUILD ON IT***

SAFEGUARDING STRATEGY 2026 - 2030

The commitments outlined in our Safeguarding Strategy 2025-2030 focus on how we can collectively promote and nurture a strong community culture that recognises and values the importance of safeguarding within our sport.

The strategy has been developed in partnership with key stakeholders in the community, ensuring that what we do, and how we do it, is purposeful and aligned. It sets out the strategic principles that will guide and shape the direction of our future activity for the community and the sport.

Our focus is on building a positive safeguarding culture and encouraging behaviours that create a supportive and empowering environment for everyone involved in the sport.

Safeguarding plays a vital role in protecting the enjoyment of motorsport and the wellbeing of our community. As the governing body, we are committed to fostering a safe and inclusive environment where positive behaviours are embedded and any concerns are identified early and addressed effectively.

Over the next three years we will strengthen safeguarding through five interconnected pillars:

- **Culture**
- **Governance**
- **Engagement**
- **Education**
- **Compliance**

Each supports our **Vision 2030** ambition and ensures safeguarding is lived, not just documented.

CULTURE: BUILDING RESPECTFUL, INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENTS

Our goal

A safeguarding culture where everyone understands what safeguarding means, why it matters and how they play their part.

What this looks like

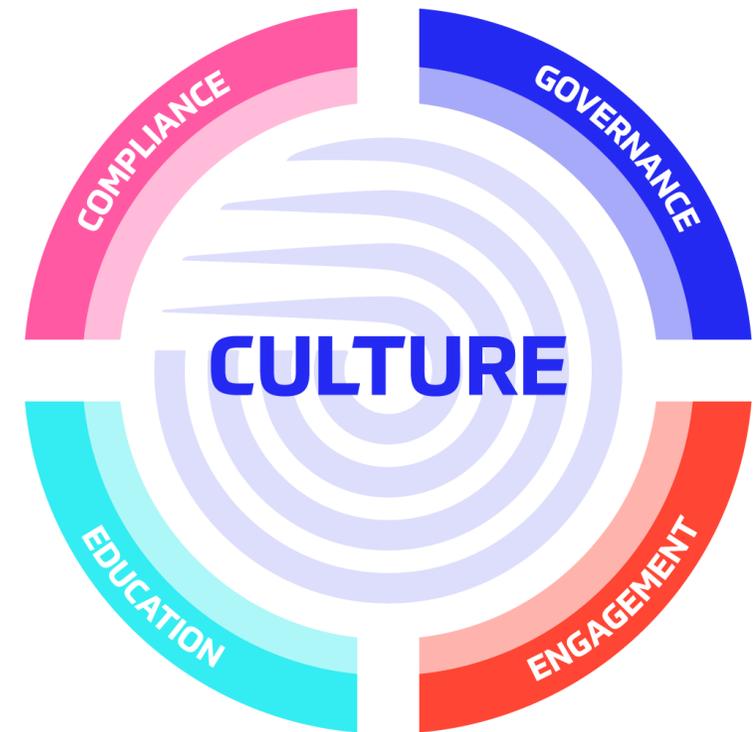
- People feel safe to raise concerns
- Zero tolerance for abuse, discrimination or neglect
- Positive behaviours - respect, openness, accountability - become the norm
- Safeguarding is not “admin”; but actively lived out in daily practice
- Leaders model the right behaviours, setting clear expectations
- Our safeguarding approach is grounded in listening to the lived experiences of children, parents, volunteers and competitors

Our focus

- With our sporting colleagues, continue to embed Race With Respect at every level
- Strengthen psychological safety so concerns are raised early
- Promote practical, positive behaviours through campaigns and training
- Our safeguarding approach is grounded in listening to the lived experiences of children, parents, volunteers and competitors.

The impact

Motorsport where every person - competitor, volunteer, and event organiser feels seen, valued and protected.



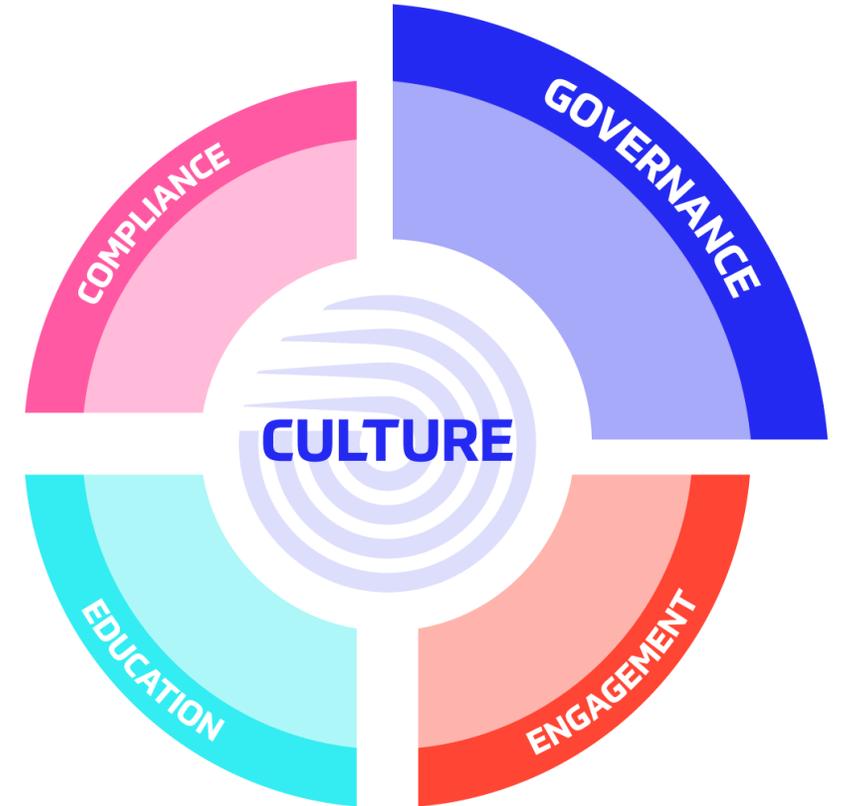
GOVERNANCE: CLEAR, CONFIDENT ACCOUNTABILITY

How we'll deliver

- Embed safeguarding as a central governance responsibility
- Maintain a designated Board Safeguarding Lead
- Ensure all Board members and senior leaders have undertaken and renew safeguarding training
- Establish a **Safeguarding Working Group** for strategic alignment
- Maintain clear reporting lines from Motorsport UK to clubs and regional associations

The impact

- Strong oversight and transparency
- Strategic, proactive decision-making
- Risks identified early and managed effectively
- Consistency across the sport
- Reassurances for the community



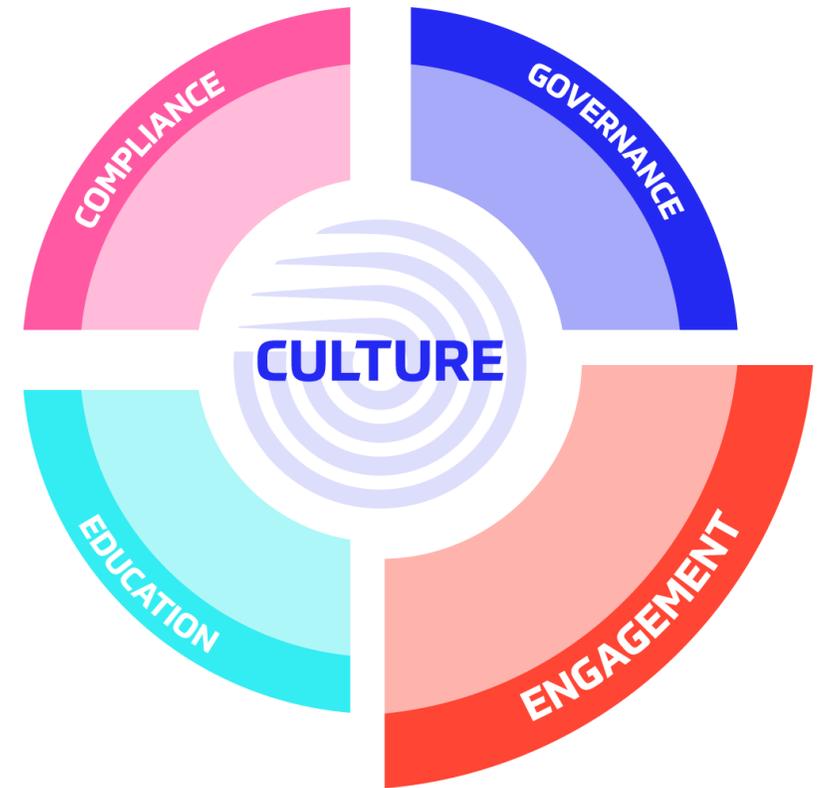
ENGAGEMENT: REACHING EVERY CORNER OF THE COMMUNITY

How we'll deliver

- Develop a clear, dynamic safeguarding communications plan
- Expand Driving Safer Cultures training across roles in the sport
- Increase safeguarding awareness among volunteers & officials
- Launch the Young Person's Safeguarding Ambassador (YPSA) programme
- Strengthen collaboration with Sport England Welfare Officers
- Strengthen the network of Safeguarding Officers and their visibility in the community

The impact

- A community that recognises and challenges harmful behaviours
- Stronger relationships, shared responsibility and lived experience informing policy
- Safer environments shaped by active, engaged participants



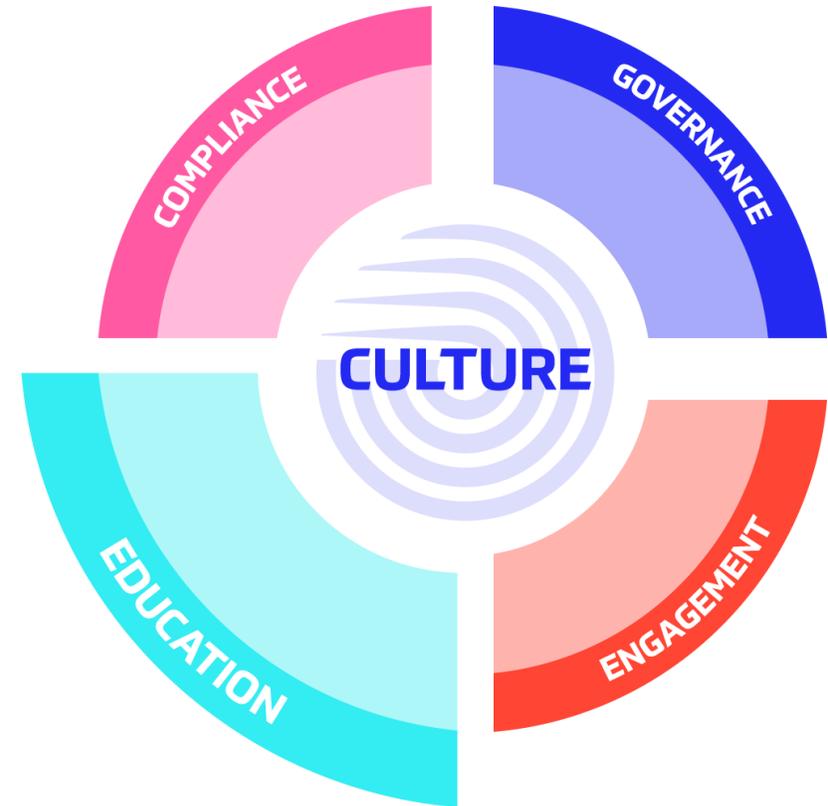
EDUCATION: BUILDING KNOWLEDGE, CONFIDENCE AND COMPETENCE

How we'll deliver

- Provide accessible training for young people, parents and adults at risk
- Deliver tailored training and courses for coaches, competitors, officials, and volunteers to build knowledge and promote a positive safeguarding culture
- Develop practical safeguarding toolkits for key stakeholders, including parents, teams, venues and clubs - to strengthen confidence and consistency in safeguarding practices
- Use data, feedback and case reviews to improve learning

The impact

- Confident, knowledgeable community members
- Consistent safeguarding competence across the sport
- Continuous improvement grounded in real experience



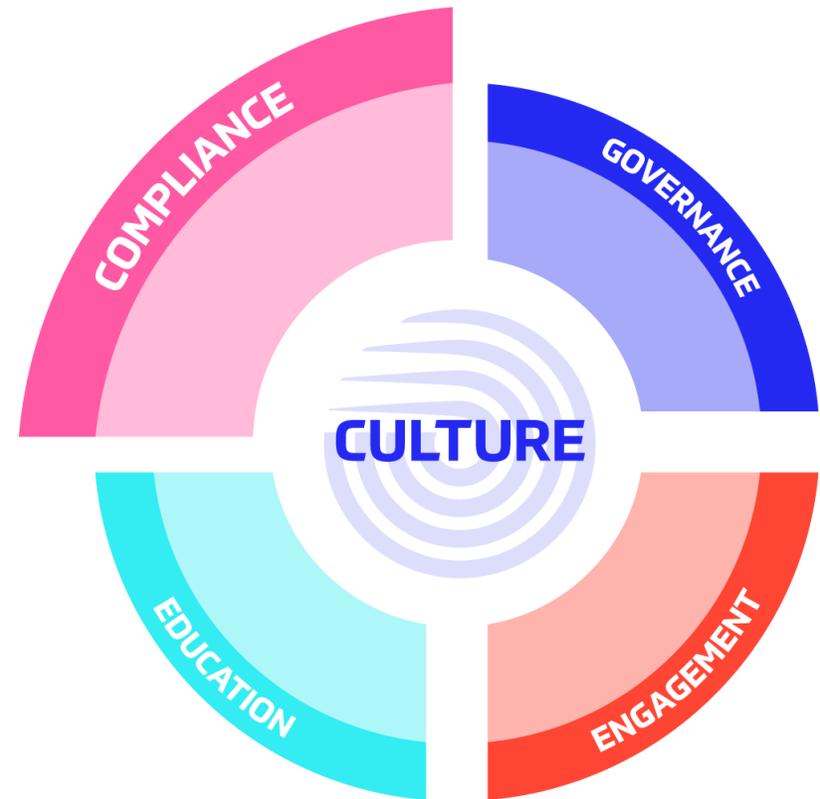
COMPLIANCE: CLEAR STANDARDS & CONSISTENT PRACTICES

How we'll deliver

- Engagement-led safeguarding audits for clubs and venues
- Mandatory safeguarding standards across events and disciplines
- Rigorous checks and clearances for regulated roles
- Clear reporting, robust case management and proactive monitoring

The impact

- Consistent, high-quality safeguarding practice
- Full compliance with statutory obligations
- Transparent processes for addressing concerns
- Clubs and delivery partners uphold consistent standards.
- Safer environments for all participants



WHAT SUCCESS LOOKS LIKE

*WE WILL KNOW THIS STRATEGY IS
WORKING WHEN:*

COMMUNITY:

- Members feel safe, respected and confident to participate
- Members report positive, supportive experiences
- Volunteers and officials feel equipped and valued

PROCESSES:

- Audits show improved compliance and consistency
- Training is widely completed and its impact measurable
- Case handling becomes faster, clearer and more compassionate

CULTURE:

- Safeguarding is visible, understood and embraced
- Respectful behaviours are the norm across events and clubs
- More people speak up early and feel supported

PARTICIPATION:

- Retention improves among young competitors and volunteers
- New participants feel confident joining the sport
- Lapsed members return due to positive, safer environments



TOGETHER

***WE WILL CREATE A
STRONGER, SAFER
MOTORSPORT:
POWERED BY PASSION,
GROUNDED IN RESPECT,
AND OPEN TO ALL***



THANK YOU

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