



## **United Twirl England Athlete Welfare Policy**

### **Introduction**

United Twirl England (UTE, we, our, us) will exercise the right to withdraw an athlete from any event where they consider the athlete's participation:

- will cause undue stress.
- will cause or aggravate a physical illness/injury
- will cause or aggravate a mental illness
- may not be in the best interests of the athlete
- is whilst being injured/unwell

*Note: The term 'athlete' describes any person partaking in the sport of baton twirling. References to 'parents' should be read as parents and carers inclusively. 'Technical Members' describes coaches, judges, club directors registered with UTE.*

If an athlete has been deemed by the UTE Designated Safeguarding Lead/Deputy Safeguarding Officer (or if these persons are unavailable, the Competition Manager) to be unfit to participate, the Club Director and/or Club Safeguarding Officer will be informed verbally, and a written record will be provided by email no more than 48 hours after the event.

If the athlete is withdrawn from the event, by either their Club Director OR an UTE official using the Athlete Welfare Policy, they:

- will be required to provide proof of fitness to participate from a medical professional for any event post-withdrawal OR provide evidence to the Designated Safeguarding Lead/Deputy Safeguarding Officer, showing recovery/positive steps to recovery
- in events lasting more than 2 consecutive days, the continuation of withdrawal is at the discretion of the UTE Designated Safeguarding Lead/Deputy Safeguarding Officer

Any athlete who is known to be injured/unwell prior to an event should -

- ensure they are fit to participate
- take steps to reduce effect of illness/injury when participating
- be prepared to provide proof of fitness to participate on the day of the event

Any athlete found participating whilst unfit and with-holding information regarding this from UTE, may be sanctioned.