



TEMPLATE FOR SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN POLICY FOR CLUBS WITH YOUTH TEAMS



FOOTBALL CLUB SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN POLICY

1. OUR RESPONSIBILITIES

As an England Football Accredited Club,

Football Club acknowledges our responsibility to safeguard the welfare of every child and young person and are committed to providing a safe environment for all. We recognise that a child is anyone under the age of 18 and subscribe to The Football Association's (The FA) Safeguarding Children Policy and Procedures.

Our Football Club endorses and adopts the following key safeguarding principles:

- the child's welfare is, and must always be, the paramount consideration;
- all children and young people have a right to be protected from abuse regardless of their; age, gender, gender reassignment, sexual orientation, marital status or civil partnership, race, nationality, ethnic origin, colour, religion or belief, ability or disability, pregnancy and maternity;
- all suspicions and allegations of abuse will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately; and
- working in partnership with other organisations, children and young people and their parents/ carers is essential.

HELPFUL RESOURCES

[Safeguarding Committee Members Course](#)

Football Club acknowledges that every child or young person who plays or participates in football must be able to take part in an enjoyable and safe environment and be protected from poor practice, inappropriate behaviour and abuse. This is the responsibility of every adult involved in our club, including the parents/carers of our players and we will effectively communicate this to our members throughout the season.

Football Club commits to ensuring that children and young people have the right to take part, be heard and have their views and opinions taken into consideration when making club decisions and actions that concern them.

2. OUR ROLE

has a responsibility to safeguard the welfare of all children and young people by protecting them from physical, sexual or emotional harm and from neglect or bullying. It is noted and accepted that The FA's Safeguarding Children Regulations (see The FA Handbook) apply to everyone in football whether in a paid or voluntary capacity, including coaches/managers, volunteers, match officials, helpers on club tours, or medical staff or other club officials/helpers.

HELPFUL RESOURCES

[Safeguarding Information for Parents/Carers](#)

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	FA Safeguarding Children Policy (Adult Teams with U18 Players)	Christopher Lihou Tue 13th February 2024		
	FA Equality Policy	Christopher Lihou Tue 13th February 2024		
	The Grassroots Code	Christopher Lihou Tue 12th November 2024		
	FA Club Rules / Constitution	Christopher Lihou Tue 13th February 2024		