



Safeguarding Policy and Statement for Chasers FC

Introduction

Chasers FC is committed to creating a safe and enjoyable environment for all young players, coaches, and volunteers involved in the club. This Safeguarding Policy outlines our commitment to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people involved in football activities.

Purpose

This policy aims to ensure that all players, staff, volunteers, and others involved with Chasers FC are aware of the best practices in safeguarding children and how to protect young people from harm. It ensures that we comply with national and local safeguarding regulations.

Scope

This policy applies to all staff, volunteers, coaches, players, and parents or guardians involved with the club, especially where children or vulnerable individuals are concerned.

Statement of Commitment

Chasers FC is dedicated to:

- Promoting a culture of respect, fairness, and dignity for all children and young people.
- Ensuring that all staff and volunteers are properly vetted, trained, and supported to carry out their roles safely.
- Reporting concerns about the safety or welfare of a child promptly to the relevant authorities.
- Creating an environment where children can enjoy football in a safe and supportive setting.

Safeguarding Responsibilities

1. Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL): The club has appointed a Designated Safeguarding Lead who is responsible for overseeing safeguarding concerns within the club.
2. Safe Recruitment: All coaching staff and volunteers undergo appropriate checks, including DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) checks.
3. Training: Staff, coaches, and volunteers must undergo safeguarding training and be familiar with safeguarding practices and procedures.
4. Reporting Concerns: All safeguarding concerns or suspicions of abuse should be reported to the Designated Safeguarding Lead immediately.

Child Protection

- Chasers FC follows the guidelines laid out by the FA's safeguarding children policy.
- The welfare of the child is our priority, and any allegations or concerns of abuse will be treated seriously and managed appropriately.
- We will provide guidance to ensure that children are protected from bullying, neglect, physical, emotional, or sexual abuse.

Implementation and Review

This Safeguarding Policy will be reviewed annually or when significant changes occur. The policy will be communicated to all members, including staff, players, and parents.