



Mid Sussex Youth Football League

Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy

At the Mid Sussex Youth Football League, we believe that every child and young person involved in football has the right to participate in an enjoyable, safe and inclusive environment. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, and we are committed to ensuring the welfare of all players under the age of 18, both on and off the pitch.

We fully endorse and adhere to The Football Association's Safeguarding Children Policy, working in line with national legislation and local safeguarding partnerships to protect children from harm, neglect, bullying, and abuse. We expect every club within our league to uphold these standards and to put child welfare at the heart of their operations.

Our safeguarding principles are as follows:

- The welfare of the child is always the paramount consideration.
- All children, regardless of age, gender, ability, race, religion or background, have the right to protection from harm.
- All concerns and allegations of abuse will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately.
- We work in partnership with children, parents, clubs and external agencies to safeguard children effectively.

The League has procedures in place to assess the suitability of individuals working with children, including robust criminal records checks and safeguarding training. We also support

interim suspension measures, where necessary, to protect children during ongoing investigations or safeguarding concerns.

All clubs and individuals affiliated with the League must:

- Promote a culture of safety, transparency, and respect.
- Act promptly on safeguarding concerns, reporting them in line with FA guidance.
- Support players' rights to speak out and be heard without fear.

To raise a concern, please contact the League Welfare Officer or visit The FA's safeguarding portal.