



RUNCORN SAXONS FC



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RUNCORN SAXONS FC CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

Introduction

Runcorn Saxons Football Club believe that the welfare of all young people is paramount, and it recognises and accepts its responsibility to safeguard and promote the interests and wellbeing of young people. As a club we are committed to ensure that young people*, whatever their age group, gender, culture, ability, language, religious beliefs, racial origin, and/or sexual identity enjoy the game in a fun environment, safe from abuse of any kind, whilst participating in the sport whilst using the club facilities.

Our aim is to deliver the highest possible standards of care in striving to meet this goal.

Runcorn Saxons FC operates under its own Committee responsible for running football teams for all age groups from Under 7 upwards. The Child Protection Policy has been drawn up and approved by this Committee as the accountable body within the Club.

Principles

- Children have the right to protection
- Everyone working with or in contact with children has a responsibility for their protection
- Responsibility relating to concern for a child's safety must be shared
- Child protection depends on all coaches/volunteers and all agencies working together

Child protection over-rides:

- Confidentiality
- Relationship with family
- Agency hierarchy and objectives

Aims

1. To ensure that all those involved in Runcorn Saxons FC recognise and understand their responsibility for safeguarding young people*. This includes their welfare, physical, emotional, sexual abuse, neglect or bullying of any kind.
2. To respect young people's rights, reasonable wishes and feelings.
3. Individuals working with young people will be made aware of good practice in order to ensure that they are not placed in situations where allegations could be made.
4. To ensure that all coaches have appropriate in date DBS, FA Safeguarding and First Aid certifications along with a minimum FA Introduction to Coaching Football qualification for the tasks they undertake. This is the responsibility of the Committee to ensure compliance.
5. To ensure that non-coaching volunteers hold appropriate in date DBS certifications. This is the responsibility of the Committee to ensure compliance.
6. To ensure that all coaches have a clear understanding of their responsibilities both with respect to their coaching tasks and to their role in Child Protection.



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7. For all coaches to be encouraged to become an FA Licenced Coach and undertake additional CPD training to assist in their development.
8. To ensure that all relevant members who have **regular supervisory** contact with children or a **management responsibility** for those working with young people* undertake a DBS check. For the purposes of Runcorn Saxons FC this includes: All coaches; all committee members; adults who help regularly with coaching; volunteers; club photographers; adults/parents taking on a role of **responsibility** travelling on tours / away days with any of the age groups. This list is not an exhaustive list, so if in doubt please contact the Club Welfare Officer.
9. To keep formal written records of:
 - Disciplinary Actions – Responsibility of Club Welfare Officer
 - Accidents – Responsibility of Club Welfare Officer
10. To have and maintain Codes of Conduct covering the behavioural requirements for all:
 - Coaches
 - Club Officials
 - Parents
 - Children
 - Any other volunteer members of the club
11. These Codes of Conduct are to be widely distributed and made readily available. Every player registered with the Club and their parent/guardians receives a new set of Codes of Conduct each season.
12. To have a nominated 'Club Welfare Officer' readily contactable by any person, either adult or child, who has any concern whatsoever.

*Young people – anyone under the age of 18years

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