



For The Attention of all SJFA Member Clubs

SJFA Wellbeing and Protection Overview

Following the publication of the SFA's "Child Wellbeing and Protection Strategy" in August, 2019, the SJFA were of the view that Member Clubs would benefit from an overview of their current Young Player's Wellbeing in Scottish Junior Football Policies and Procedures. The Association trusts that the following information would be helpful to Clubs, in recognising the expectations placed on each Club, to ensure that all young players under the age of 18 years are offered the protection they may require.

Young Players Wellbeing in Scottish Junior Football.

This Document outlines the Policies and Procedures which are in place to ensure that young players are offered the protection and support they may require through their involvement in Scottish Junior Football. Within the Document, there is a section detailing the process to be followed if any young player raises a concern, or if concerns arise over the conduct of anyone involved in Scottish Junior Football. It is therefore, important that all adults involved in their respective Clubs, be that in an official capacity, or as a volunteer, are aware of the contents of the Document and ways in which they must respond to any concerns raised.

This Document can be accessed through the SJFA Website.

Club Safeguarding Officer.

There is an expectation that each SJFA Member Club identify someone within the Club who will be designated as the Club Safeguarding Officer. This person, once identified, must undertake the online Protection Training, and will act as a support to any player under the age of 18 years. They will be responsible for identifying themselves to any young player following their registration, and would be responsible for following the reporting process when any concerns are raised.

During discussion on the role of the Club Safeguarding Officer, it was recognised that there would not be a need for the person identified to have had previous Child Protection experience, as the Association's Safeguarding Officer, Mr. Terry McGarry, would be available to offer advice and guidance to anyone presented with a concern. He can be contacted on 077 182 89945.

The Role Description and Person Specification of the Club Safeguarding Officer can be accessed through the SJFA Website.

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