



PRECAUTIONARY SUSPENSION

Practice Note

Where concerns are raised that the action of a club's adult player or official may affect a young player, the process for carrying out an investigation, and subsequent actions, are covered in the ***SJFA Young Players Wellbeing in Scottish Junior Football Policy***.

However, where the concerns raised are believed to have occurred at another club, the following practice should be considered.

- Where a precautionary suspension of the player or official is being considered, the investigating officer/s should, where possible, meet face to face with the individual concerned, where the concerns raised could be put to that individual. This would provide the individual with the opportunity to explain the situation which had arisen and outline any action which had been taken. Such information could then be checked with the relevant ANA.
- Where the concerns raised by a young player who is no longer with the club investigating these concerns, the club can approach the player's parents / carers, seeking permission to speak to that young player, as the wellbeing of young people involved in football must be a priority.

In all circumstances it is vital that those involved in the investigation always maintain a stance of strict confidentiality.

Finally, in all circumstances where a precautionary suspension is deemed appropriate, the club should maintain contact with the player or official who has been suspended, as they have a duty of care to that individual.

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