



Rainhill Town Football Club
Established 1970

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CLUB SAFEGUARDING POLICY

Rainhill Town Football Club – Including U18 Youth Team

1. Commitment

The club is committed to providing a safe, positive environment for all young people. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

2. Roles and Responsibilities

- **Club Welfare Officer (CWO)** — Leads safeguarding, manages DBS checks, handles concerns.
- **Coaches & Volunteers** — Must hold valid DBS checks and appropriate FA qualifications; follow safeguarding procedures.
- **Parents/Guardians** — Provide consent, share medical information, support safe behaviour.
- **Players** — Treat others with respect, report concerns, follow club rules.

3. Key Safeguarding Principles

Safe Recruitment

- DBS checks for all adults working with U18s.
- References and qualification check for coaches.

Supervision & Ratios

- Minimum two adults present at all U18 activities.
- U18s must never be left alone at training or matches.

Communication

- No private messaging between coaches and U18s.
- Group chats must include parents/guardians or be monitored by the CWO.
- No sharing of personal contact details without consent.

Changing Rooms

- Adults must not change with U18s.
- Mixed-age changing only when unavoidable and supervised appropriately.
- Clear rules on privacy and behaviour.

Travel

- No coach or volunteer transports an U18 alone unless pre-agreed in writing by parents.
- Consent required for all away trips, tournaments, and overnight stays.

Photography & Media

- Parental consent required for photos/videos of U18s.
- No tagging or identifying youth players online without permission.

Anti-Bullying

- Zero tolerance for bullying, harassment, discrimination, or intimidation.
- Clear reporting routes and prompt action.

Reporting Concerns

- Concerns reported to the CWO or FA Safeguarding Team.
- All reports treated seriously and confidentially.
- Immediate action taken if a child is at risk.

4. Review

This Policy is approved by the Club Committee and applies to all members from the date of adoption and will be reviewed annually or after any safeguarding incident.

Signed:

Club Chair: _____

Date: _____