



Health and Safety Policy

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Club Procedure for Health and Safety

The Manager/Coach is the responsible person for their 'Age Group Team' and this person has a duty to ensure that they hold an in-date:

- FA Accepted Enhanced DBS check;
- FA Emergency Aid qualification;
- FA Safeguarding Children qualification.

They should also have an FA Licenced Coaches Club membership card (by completing the FA Level 1 Coaching Football or above qualification).

It is the responsibility of the Manager/Coach that their Assistant Managers/Coaches hold an in-date:

- FA Accepted Enhanced DBS check;
- FA Emergency Aid qualification;
- FA Safeguarding Children qualification.

Equipment

Equipment checks should be undertaken to ensure that:

- All players wear shin guards;
- That the football is safe (i.e. not damaged);
- All equipment is undamaged and is used in accordance with manufacturer's instructions;
- Player's boots and the 'blades' or 'studs' on them are checked regularly for safety;
- All items of jewellery (necklaces, rings, earrings, bands, etc.) are strictly forbidden and must be removed. Using tape to cover jewellery is not acceptable.

Playing and Training Venues

Checks should be undertaken to ensure that:

- The pitch, sports hall, all weather surface or field for any hazards i.e. any obstacle, items or implements which may cause harm or discomfort to any player, official or spectator.
- That goal posts are secure and safe.
- That corner flags and 'Respect' barriers are used correctly in matches.
- Changing facilities are secure and safe.

Visual Risk Assessment

By completing the checks in equipment and venues (above) a Manager or Coach is performing a dynamic risk assessment on all Club activities and venues used. On completion of the assessment, the Manager or Coach should ensure that all 'control' measures to reduce both the severity and probability of harm from any hazard occurring are put in place and checked.



First Aid

Make sure a qualified first aider is at all training and match venues with a suitable first aid kit. A fully charged mobile phone should be available.

The **Medical Emergency Action Plan** needs to be up to date and have all the relevant information completed and laminated within the first aid kit. The **Concussion Recognition Tool 5** should also be printed off and laminated with the first aid kit link - <https://bjsm.bmj.com/content/51/11/872>

Contact Details

Ensure you have a complete and up to date Club Annual Membership and Consent Form for each player.

Goal Post Safety

Follow FA Goal post safety guidelines (<http://www.thefa.com/get-involved/goalpost-safety>)

End of Game Procedures

All equipment should be packed away safely and securely.

All rubbish should be removed from areas used.

Coaches should not leave the location until all Players have departed.

Premises should be locked securely.

Incident Reporting

In the event of a person receiving an injury, an 'Incident/Accident Report Form' is required to be completed. Once this has been completed it is to be given to the Club Welfare Officer.

Parental Responsibility

Children remain the responsibility of their parents / legal carers at all times when participating in football training, matches and any other Somersall Rangers Football Club activities and also when arriving and departing from them.

Somersall Rangers Football Club does provide all reasonable safeguards in terms of appropriately vetting its coaches and volunteers, having a Club Welfare officer and acting in accordance with Policy and Advice issued by The Derbyshire County Football Association and The Football Association in the conduct of its activities and affairs.

As a Club, our volunteers do have a duty of care for the children in our membership, but this does not extend to the level of that of teachers or registered childminders and as such parents/legal carers are advised against dropping their younger age group children off and leaving the site during football training, matches and other Somersall Rangers Football Club activities. Should parents/legal carers make any arrangements with other adults concerning their child including their supervision and transportation to/from Somersall Rangers Football Club activities then this is at their own responsibility in their own legal capacity and not the responsibility of Somersall Rangers Football Club.



Contact Information

Further advice on Safeguarding Children matters can be obtained from:

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The Football Association

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