



Support and Guidance For Everyone

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Questions About Our Club

Parents, if you want to play your part, we would encourage you to ask your child the following questions about Somersall Rangers Football Club:

- Is my child's coach Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checked, FA trained and qualified?
- How can I get a copy of the clubs safeguarding policy and procedures?
- Who is the Club Welfare Officer (CWO) for my child's team and how do I contact them?
- What is the role of the CWO?
- What should I do if I have a complaint?
- If I have a concern about a child or someone's behaviour towards a child what should I do?
- Do you have club codes of conduct and where can I view them?
- How will you communicate with me/my child?
- If appropriate – How will you support my child's medical/additional needs?

Parents / Carers We Will Not

- Discourage you from staying to watch or from becoming involved.
- Allow club officials to operate independently of the club.
- Have coaches showing favouritism or personally rewarding specific children.
- Accept inappropriate physical contact between coaches and players.
- A "win at all costs" attitude that impacts a child's well-being.
- Have coaches who invite players to spend time alone with them or to visit or stay in their home.

Ratios of Adults to Children

Safeguarding best practice dictates adults must always be present when football-related activity takes place for children. But the numbers of adults present depends on three main factors:

- The age of the children involved;
- The degree of risk the activity involves;
- Whether there are disability needs within the group.

The lower the age of the participants, the higher the ratio of staff must be. If the activity is mixed gender, male and female staff should be available. Whatever the age of the children and type of activity, a minimum of two adults must always be present. This ensures at least basic cover in the event of an incident.

Football teams involving players aged 12+ often have a squad of up to 16 players. Therefore there must be a ratio of at least one coach per squad and another adult present at all times. See OFSTED's recommendation of 1:10 on the next page*.

Other football formats, namely 5v5, 7v7 and 9v9 involving players aged 6-11 require a higher ratio of staff to squad. Where the children are aged eight or younger in any football activity you will require more staff and a minimum of two adults must always be present.



If the children have additional needs e.g. learning needs or a disability the ratio must be higher to ensure you can meet the specific needs of any given group.

***OFSTED ADULT-TO-CHILD RATIOS FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

- For 0 to 2 years – one adult to every 3 children (1:3)
- For 2 to 3 years – one adult to every 5 children (1:5)
- For 3 to 8 years – one adult to every 8 children (1:8)
- For over-8s – one adult to every 10 children (1:10)

“There should always be more than one adult for any group and at least one should be female. Helpers under 18 years old count as children and not adults in these ratios. If you have a number of teenage helpers, you will need more adults not fewer.”

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Additional Support and Contacts

The NSPCC

24-hour free and confidential telephone Helpline that provides counselling, information and advice to anyone concerned about a child at risk of ill-treatment or abuse.

Weston House
42 Curtain Road
London EC2A 3NH
T: 0808 800 5000

E: help@nspcc.org.uk

For those with a hearing difficulty, there is a text phone number: 0800 056 0566

Childline

Childline is the UK's free helpline for children and young people. It provides a confidential telephone counselling service for any child with any problem, 24 hours a day, every day.

45 Folgate Street
London E1 6GL
T: 0800 1111
Text: 78101

www.childline.org.uk

FASO

FASO is a voluntary organisation dedicated to supporting anyone affected by a false allegation of abuse.

PO Box 4
Crosskeys
Newport NP11 7YA
T: 0844 335 1992
E: support@false-allegations.org.uk
W: www.false-allegations.org.uk

NAPAC

NAPAC are a registered charity, based in the UK, providing support and information for people abused in childhood.

PO Box 63632
London SW9 1BF
T: 0800 085 3330
E: support@napac.org.uk



Family Rights Group

Advises parents and other family members whose children are involved with or require children's social care services because of welfare needs or concerns.

Family Rights Group
Second Floor, The Print House
18 Ashwin Street
London E8 3DL
T: 0808 801 0366
E: advice@frg.org.uk
W: www.frg.org.uk

Family Lives

Family Lives is a national charity providing help and support in all aspects of family life.

CAN Mezzanine
49-51 East Road
London N1 6AH
T: 0808 800 2222
E: parentsupport@familylives.org.uk

The Samaritans

Nationwide, non-religious, non-political 24 hour confidential support.

Freepost RSRB-KKBY-CYJK
P.O. Box 90
Stirling FK8 2SA
T: 08457 90 90 90
E: jo@samaritans.org

For those with a hearing difficulty, there is a text phone telephone number: 08457 909 192

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Contact Information

Further advice on Safeguarding Children matters can be obtained from:

Somersall Rangers Football Club Welfare Officer

Mark Jackson

Contact Number: 07429 604 273

Email: somersallcwo@gmail.com

Derbyshire County Football Association's Safeguarding Team

8 & 9 Stadium Business Court

Millennium Way

Pride Park

Derby

DE24 8HP

Contact Number: 01332 361 422

Email: safeguarding@derbyshirefa.com

The Football Association

www.TheFA.com/football-rules-governance/safeguarding

Emailing – Safeguarding@TheFA.com

The FA Safeguarding Children general enquiry line 0800 169 1863

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