

Ballers Football Academy

Procedure for Health and Safety

The Lead Coach is the responsible person for the coaching session/half term camp/fixture and any other activity organised by Ballers Football Academy and this person has a duty to ensure that they hold an in-date:

FA Accepted Enhanced CRC check

FA Emergency Aid qualification

FA Safeguarding Children qualification

Be a member of the FA Licensed Coaches Club

Hold adequate insurance cover through the FA Licensed Coaches Club

The following guidelines should be carried out by Lead Coach, Academy Coaches or volunteer:

1) Equipment Checks should be undertaken to ensure that:

All players wear shin guards/pads & correct footwear. Player's that aren't wearing the correct footwear or shin guards/pads will be unable to take part in any contact activities including games.

That the football is safe (i.e. not damaged)

All equipment is undamaged and is used in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.

All items of jewellery (necklaces, rings, earrings, bands, etc.) are strictly forbidden and must be removed.

Using tape to cover jewellery is not acceptable.

2) Playing and Training Venue Checks should be undertaken to ensure that:

The pitch, sports hall, all-weather surface or field for any hazards i.e. any obstacle, item or implement which may cause harm or discomfort to any player, official or spectator.

That goal posts are secure and safe

Changing facilities are secure and safe

3) Visual Risk Assessment By completing the checks in 1&2 (above) a Manager or Coach is performing a dynamic visual 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.

4) 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.

5) Contact Details Ensure we have a complete and up to date 'Emergency Contacts' list.

6) Goal Post Safety Follow FA Goal post safety guidelines

7) End of Game Procedures All equipment should be packed away safely and securely. All rubbish should be removed from areas used.

8) Incident Reporting

In the event of a person receiving an injury, an 'Accident Report Form' is required to be completed. Once this has been completed it is to be given to the Academy Manager. Parents will be informed by email.

9) Parental Responsibility

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

Ballers Football Academy provide all reasonable safeguards in terms of appropriately vetting its coaches and volunteers.

Our coaches & volunteers do have a duty of care for the children in our academy but this does not extend to the level of that of teachers or registered childminders and as such parents/legal guardians are advised against dropping their younger age group children off and leaving the site during football training, matches and other Ballers Football Academy activities.

Should parents/legal guardians make any arrangements with other adults concerning their child including their supervision and transportation to/from Ballers Football Academy activities then this is at their own responsibility in their own legal capacity and not the responsibility of Ballers Football Academy.