KIRKFIELD UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

Health & Safety Policy

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For Volunteers, Coaches & Players

1.0 Introduction

Kirkfield United is committed to providing a safe, healthy and supportive football environment for all volunteers, coaches, players and visitors. This policy sets out our responsibilities, expectations and standards to ensure football activity is delivered safely and in line with best practice.

This policy is not about unnecessary rules — it is about **protecting people**, reducing risk, and ensuring that every child and adult can enjoy football in a safe, well-managed setting.

We will take all reasonable measures to ensure that:

- Training and match venues are safe and appropriate for youth football
- Equipment is suitable, maintained and used correctly
- Volunteers and coaches understand their responsibilities
- Players are supported to behave safely and responsibly

We will meet our legal obligations and promote best practice across all teams.

2.0 Club Responsibilities

Kirkfield United will:

- Assess risks relating to football activity, venues, equipment and player welfare
- Ensure safe access and egress at all training and match locations
- Maintain equipment to a safe standard
- Provide coaches and volunteers with appropriate guidance, instruction and support
- Establish emergency procedures for injuries, fire, evacuation and severe weather
- Investigate accidents, near misses or unsafe situations and report findings to the committee
- Ensure first aid provision is available at all sessions and matches

3.0 Volunteer & Coach Responsibilities

All volunteers and coaches must:

- Be aware of and comply with this policy
- Take reasonable care of themselves and others
- Report accidents, near misses or unsafe situations immediately
- Ensure equipment is used safely and appropriately
- Follow emergency and safeguarding procedures
- Supervise players responsibly and maintain safe session organisation
- Highlight any hazards or concerns to the Club Chair or Child Welfare Officer

4.0 Player Responsibilities

All players must:

- Follow coach instructions designed to keep them safe
- Use equipment properly
- Report injuries or unsafe situations
- Behave responsibly and respectfully towards others
- Follow warm-up, cool-down and hydration guidance

5.0 Risk Assessments

Risk assessments will be completed:

- When venues change
- When new equipment is introduced
- When significant changes occur in activity or legislation

6.0 Training

Training will be provided:

- At coach induction
- When new equipment or procedures are introduced
- When risk assessments identify a need