



PETERSFIELD TOWN JUNIORS AND AFC PETERSFIELD FOOTBALL CLUB

Child Protection Policy

The issue of abuse within society, sport and football is a concern for all. The Football Association/NSPCC Child Protection 24hrs helpline: 0808 800 5000 (textphone 0800 056 0566 for deaf users)

Petersfield Town Juniors Child Welfare Officer is:

Julia Nesbitt: telephone 07966 456482; email julianesbit@aol.com

Petersfield Town Juniors FC, as an affiliated club to the Hampshire FA, undertakes to implement and apply the following child welfare policy.

It is recognised that any procedure is only as effective as the ability & skill of those who operate it. Petersfield Town Juniors FC is therefore committed to the appropriate training for all coaches, volunteers & club members. This will enable them to work with parents/carers and other organisations to ensure that the needs & welfare of young people remain paramount.

1.1 It is the responsibility of every adult, either as a professional or as a volunteer, to ensure that all young people can enjoy the sport in a safe enjoyable environment.

1.2 Petersfield Town Juniors FC recognises its responsibility to safeguard the welfare of all young people involved in the game by protecting them from physical, emotional or sexual harm and from neglect or bullying or any kind.

1.3 Petersfield Town Juniors FC is resolute in ensuring that the policy and procedures apply to all those who are subject to its jurisdiction whether in a paid or voluntary capacity.

1.4 The members of Petersfield Town Juniors FC recognise that they have a responsibility;

- To safeguard & promote the interests and well-being of young people with whom they are working.
- To ensure that all adults who work with young people are aware of their role & responsibilities and that training opportunities are made available to them.



- To take all reasonable practical steps to protect young people from harm, discrimination or degrading treatment.
- To respect young peoples' rights, reasonable wishes & feelings.
- To take all reasonable steps to ensure that the individuals involved in the game are aware of situations which may compromise their responsibility or position.

1.5 Procedures laid down in this policy will;

- Offer safeguards to the young people with whom we work, and our professional members of staff, volunteer coaches and club members.
- Help to maintain the professionalism & the safeguards of good practice which are associated with the Hampshire FA.

Terms of Reference for the Clubs Child Welfare Officer

- Ensure the club has a Club Protection Policy & Implementation Plan
- Ensure Codes of Conduct are well publicised and adhered to
- In consultation with the Hampshire FA's Child Protection Officer, ensure all reported incidents are managed at the appropriate level in line with FA procedures
- Ensure all relevant club members are aware of training opportunities
- Ensure all parents are aware of the club policy on child protection & the correct protocols for voicing concerns
- Be aware of local Social Services & Area Child Protection Committee contacts
- Sit on relevant club committees.

