



CHILD & WELLBEING PROTECTION POLICY

Principles

The welfare of children and vulnerable adults is everyone's responsibility, particularly when it comes to protecting them from abuse. Children and vulnerable adults have a lot to gain from football. Their natural sense of fun and spontaneity can blossom in positive football organisations. They provide an excellent opportunity for them to learn new skills, become more confident and maximise their own unique potential. This policy and the supporting procedures are based on the following principles:

- *The welfare of children and vulnerable adults is the primary concern.*
- *All children and vulnerable adults, whatever their age, culture, disability, gender, language, racial origin, religious beliefs and/or sexual identity have the right to protection from abuse.*
- *It is everyone's responsibility to report any concerns of abuse.*
- *All incidents of alleged poor practice and abuse will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately.*

Responsibilities

Edinburgh South Community Football Club will:

- *Respect and promote the rights of children and vulnerable adults for whom they are responsible.*
- *Accept the moral and legal responsibility to provide a duty of care for children and vulnerable adults for whom they are responsible and implement procedures to safeguard their well-being and protect them from all forms of abuse.*
- *Promote the health and welfare of children and vulnerable adults by providing opportunities to participate in football safely.*
- *Recruit, train, support and supervise its staff/volunteers to adopt best practice to safeguard and protect children and vulnerable adults for whom they are responsible from abuse and to minimise risk to themselves.*
- *Require volunteers to adopt and abide by this Child & Vulnerable Adults Protection Policy and supporting Procedures.*
- *Respond to any allegations of abuse in line with these procedures as well as implementing where appropriate, the relevant disciplinary and appeals procedure.*

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