



Planet Soccer/Sports7 safeguarding and child protection statement

Planet Soccer/Sports7 acknowledges the duty of care to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and is committed to ensuring safeguarding practice reflects statutory responsibilities, government guidance and complies with best practice.

The policy recognises that the welfare and interests of children are paramount in all circumstances. It aims to ensure that regardless of age, ability or disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation, socio-economic background, all children:

- have a positive and enjoyable experience of sport in a safe and child centred environment
- are protected from abuse whilst participating in any sports sessions run by Planet Soccer/Sports7.

Planet Soccer/Sports7 acknowledges that some children, including disabled children and young people or those from ethnic minority communities, can be particularly vulnerable to abuse and we accept the responsibility to take reasonable and appropriate steps to ensure their welfare.

As part of our safeguarding policy Planet Soccer/Sports7 will

- promote and prioritise the safety and wellbeing of children and young people
- ensure everyone understands their roles and responsibilities in respect of safeguarding and is provided with appropriate learning opportunities to recognise, identify and respond to signs of abuse, neglect and other safeguarding concerns relating to children and young people
- ensure appropriate action is taken in the event of incidents/concerns of abuse and support provided to the individual/s who raise or disclose the concern
- ensure that confidential, detailed and accurate records of all safeguarding concerns are maintained and securely stored
- prevent the employment/deployment of unsuitable individuals
- ensure robust safeguarding arrangements and procedures are in operation.

The policy and procedures will be widely promoted and are mandatory for everyone involved Planet Soccer/Sports7. Failure to comply with the policy and procedures will be addressed without delay and may ultimately result in dismissal/exclusion from the organisation.



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Planet Soccer/Sports7 staff work in several schools and will comply with each school's safeguarding child protection policy.

Monitoring

The safeguarding statement will be reviewed every three years, or in the following circumstances:

- changes in legislation and/or government guidance
- as required by the Local Safeguarding Children Board, UK Sport and/or Home Country Sports Councils.
- as a result of any other significant change or event.

If you are concerned about a child's welfare, please record your concern, and any observations or conversation heard, and report to the Company Director Joe Sebo and a trained DSL at the school premises as soon as possible the same day. Do NOT conduct your own investigation. If a DSL is not present, contact the DSL advisor.

If either people are unavailable, then report to Aaron Broad who will contact the Surrey Children's Single Point of Access (SPA and the Surrey FA Safeguarding Office if necessary.

FA Safeguarding Officer for Surrey-use during holiday camps
Phil Rendell safeguarding@surreyfa.com or 01372 387 090.

Surrey Children's Single Point of Access (SPA) contacts:

The SPA email address for referrals about children: csmash@surreycc.gov.uk

For secure email accounts:

csmash@surreycc.gcsx.gov.uk

For urgent referrals or advice please call 0300 470 9100 Monday to Friday 9am-5pm.

Outside these hours, contact: 01483 517898

If the matter is urgent, contact the NSPCC on 0808 800 5000 or the police if the child is in immediate danger.

If your concerns relate to the actions or behaviour of a member of staff (which could suggest that s/he is unsuitable to work with children) then you should report this to Joe Sebo in confidence, who will refer the matter to the Headteacher of the school or the SPA and the FA safeguarding Officer if the Headteacher is not available. If your concern relates to the company director, go straight to the Headteacher of the school or the SPA if the Headteacher is not available— who will consider what action to take.