

7. Child/Player Protection Policy

Whitburn FCA and its member teams are fully committed to providing every player and official with a safe environment in which they may enjoy participating in grassroots football.

We shall promote best practices in protecting children in our care through the provision of information, training and support for all our Coaches and Volunteers. We shall provide a safe environment in which to give protection from all forms of abuse whilst promoting the health and welfare of all players.

We shall at all times adhere to and promote all policies and guidelines of the Scottish Youth Football Association, our governing body, as detailed in its full Player Protection Policy as amended from time to time.

New volunteers must complete an Application Form before working with children in any team/school. Only after receipt of suitable references will they assist in coaching sessions and then complete the Disclosures procedure before working with children unsupervised. Secretaries must ensure completed Application Forms are forwarded promptly to the WFCFA Player Protection Officer to take up references.

Any concerns which cannot be raised with a Team Coach for any reason must be referred in strictest confidence to WFCFA Player Protection Officer:

Robert Haddow, 2 Loch Maree Way, Whitburn EH470RW
Tel 01501 743316 Mobile 07402 265 005
Email: ppo.whitburnfca@gmail.com

Copies of current Codes of Conduct for Players, Supporters and Club Officials are attached. These have been developed by the West Lothian Football Forum, of which WFCFA is a member. Completion of all are a necessary part of registering teams to play in West Lothian Leagues.