



GADESIDE RANGERS FOOTBALL CLUB

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Affiliated to:

The Football Association
Hertfordshire Football Association,
Watford Friendly League,
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Child Protection Policy

The issue of the abuse within Society, Sport and Football is a concern for all.

Gadeside Rangers Football Club is in regular dialogue with The Hertfordshire Football Association who in turn are regular dialogue with Government, Police, Social Services, NSPCC, and other bodies in an effort to place at the forefront the interests of the child and to serve his/her best interests under this Child Protection Policy.

This policy for Gadeside Rangers Football Club will ensure that the necessary steps are taken to protect those children who participate in football at all levels and that football takes place in an environment that is safe and enjoyable.

The Key Principles that underpin this policy are:

- The child's welfare is paramount
- All children have a right to be protected from abuse regardless of their age, gender, disability, culture, language, racial origin, religious belief or sexual identity
- All suspicions and allegations of abuse will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately.
- The Hertfordshire Football Association will have the authority through its rules to prohibit the involvement of adults in football on the basis of conviction, caution, or concern expressed by the police or social services.

It is clear that Child Protection is an important element in the work of all Governing Bodies of sport. By developing this policy, Gadeside Rangers Football Club is firmly stating its commitment to ensuring that football has a safe and secure environment in which young people can participate.

Child Protection Policy Statement:

Every child or young person, defined as any person under the age of 18 , who plays or participates in football should be able to take part in an enjoyable and safe environment and be protected from abuse. This is the responsibility of every adult involved in football.

Gadeside Rangers Football Club recognises its responsibilities to safeguard the welfare of all children and young people by protecting them from physical, sexual or emotional harm and from neglect or bullying. It is determined to meet its obligation to ensure that those involved within this club providing football opportunities for children and young people do so, to the highest possible standard of care.

These procedures apply to anyone in the Club whether in a paid or voluntary capacity. For example, volunteers, referees, club officials, helpers on club tours, football coaches and medical staff.

All Managers/Coaches/Volunteers will be subject to Police checks which are carried by The Hertfordshire Football Association, Gadeside Rangers Football Club will consider, having taken advice, whether anyone who has a previous criminal conviction or caution for offences related to the abuse of children or young people, violence or any sexual offences should be excluded from working with children and young people. This position is re-enforced by UK legislation and guidance.