

# **SAFEGUARDING DECLARATION**

## **OPEN-AGE FOOTBALL**

### **As an Open-Age club we will:**

1. Name a Club Welfare Officer (Open-Age Teams).
2. Adopt and adhere to The FA's Safeguarding Children Policy and Procedures (where we have U18s) and Safeguarding Adults Policy and Procedures and proactively share our Club Safeguarding Policies with our members (e.g., players, club officials, parents/carers of under-18s).
3. Ensure all managers and coaches including assistants are named on FA systems for every team.
4. Maintain in-date accepted FA DBS checks for all those working directly with under-18s.
5. Encourage team and club officials to complete the Player Welfare training (available start of 2023-2024 season).
6. Refer safeguarding concerns in line with The FA's Safeguarding Policy and Procedures.

### **If we run Open-Age Disability teams, we will also:**

7. Name a Club Welfare Officer (Disability Teams) who has completed The FA's Safeguarding Adults Course, in addition to complying with the Safeguarding Declaration as set out in points 1-6 above.
  8. Encourage team and club officials to complete The FA's Safeguarding Adults Course.
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