

# **CHILD PROTECTION POLICY STATEMENT**

## *MANSFIELD RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB*



ALAN CROOKES Child Protection & Welfare Officer
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### **POLICY STATEMENT**

Rugby Union is a potentially dangerous game, which relies on every participant playing and coaching, doing so within the laws of the game and in a spirit of mutual respect. The aim of Mansfield RUFC Youth Section is to teach and develop the rugby skills in children and young persons from the age of eight years in safety and in a way that is enjoyable to the child / young person. This will be achieved through structured coaching methods and playing the game with other rugby clubs within the RFU Laws.

All coaches will be qualified having at least successfully completed the RFU Preliminary Coaching Course and be fully aware of the RFU Child / Young player Protection Policy. There is also a responsibility from parents of the child / young person to ensure that their child has the correct kit as required by the laws of the game, and the manner in which they conduct themselves whilst supporting the team in which their child plays.

### **COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT**

- Be a member of the club (social, full or vice-president).
- Aim to obtain all RFU coaching qualifications and encourage other volunteers to do so.
- Become fully aware of the RFU Child / Young person Protection Policy and know who the reporting officer is at the club.
- Wherever possible ensure games are evenly matched and that all players are of the correct age group.
- Ensure that all players have completed Registration forms before partaking in any games.
- Encourage the game to be played for fun and as an opportunity to learn the skills of the game. It is not the winning but the taking part that matters.
- To ensure that children / young persons whilst in your care are kept safe from sexual or emotional harm, and physical abuse.
- Never ridicule, belittle or verbally abuse any player.
- Learn the Laws of the game and the Continuum and promote 'fair play' at all times.
- Always respect the referee and ensure that the players do so at all times.
- Ensure that players wear the correct boots with lawful studs, plus shin guards and mouth guards when playing games.

## **PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT**

- Ensure that you play the game for fun it's not the winning but the taking part.
- Learn the laws of the game and play within them.
- Always respect your coaches and other members of Mansfield RUFC.
- Always respect the opposition.
- Always respect the referee and never argue with his decision.
- Attend coaching sessions as often as possible and learn the skills of the game.
- Ensure at all times that you wear the correct footwear, shin pads and mouth guard when playing games.
- Remember you are a member of Mansfield RUFC and when travelling to other clubs you are representing the club so always behave in a proper manner.

## **PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT**

- Encourage your child to play for fun and promote 'fair play' at all times.
- Encourage your child to attend coaching sessions and to learn the skills of the game.
- Do not expect too much from your child.
- Do not belittle or verbally abuse any players whilst supporting games.
- Always respect the referee he is also a volunteer.
- Always applaud good play even from the opposition.
- Ensure that your child has the correct footwear, correct studs and that he wears shin guards and a mouth guard at all times during games.
- Learn the laws of the game.
- Ensure that your child has completed a Registration form and has supplied four passport size photographs before partaking in any games.
- Always collect your child from the club on time.

## **APPENDIX**

### **DO YOU SHARE OUR PASSION FOR RUGBY?**

#### **Mansfield RUFC is committed to Investors in People**

#### **Aim of the Club Mission Statement:**

'To develop and enhance new and existing facilities in order to offer the highest standard of rugby, sporting and social opportunities to a large and diverse user group, through effective training and development of our people'

#### **What the Club Offers:**

- 5 senior teams plus vets.
- Youth teams at all ages – Mini's to U19s.
- Mini rugby.
- Qualified coaches.
- Special events

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- Sports hall for multi sports facilities.
  - Fully equipped gymnasium.
  - Full medical sports injuries clinic.
  - 3 floodlit pitches.
  - Rubber crumb training pitch.
  - Room hire complete with refreshment facilities ideal for discos / presentations / parties.
  - Conference / seminar facilities.

**MINI'S TO UNDER 19'S**

**ALL WELCOME**

**SUNDAY MORNINGS 10AM TO 12 NOON**

**JUST TURN UP!**

Andy Foster  
Chairman  
Mansfield Rugby Union Football Club