



Child Protection Policy

Mini and Junior Section

Knutsford Rugby Club has an appointed Welfare Officer who will act as the first point of contact for concerns about the welfare of young people.

Knutsford Rugby Club will ensure that all members are aware of their welfare responsibilities and will respond to any concerns about poor practice, abuse, bullying or neglect in line with RFU/RFUW Policy.

Knutsford Rugby Club will implement “best practice” policy for coaches, players and parents in the form of published Codes of Conduct.

Knutsford Rugby Club will ensure that all relevant members who have supervisory or managerial contact with children are aware of their positions of trust and undertake an Enhanced Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure conducted through the RFU Child Protection Department.

Knutsford Rugby Club will make coaches, managers and volunteers aware of prohibited practices.

- The welfare of children and young people is paramount to Knutsford Rugby Club.
- Anyone under the age of 18 is deemed a child for the purpose of all documents relating to child welfare within Knutsford Rugby Club and the RFU.
- Knutsford Rugby club recognises that all children and young people should be able to enjoy rugby in an environment safe from abuse of any kind.
- Partnership between Knutsford Rugby Club and parents/carers of members of the mini and junior section is an essential part of protecting young people.
- Child welfare is the responsibility of everyone within Knutsford Rugby Club. No matter what their role or status within the club, everyone has a responsibility to report concerns about a child’s welfare.
- All suspicions and allegations of emotional, mental or physical abuse, bullying or neglect will be taken seriously. Any and every concern should be acted upon.
- Knutsford Rugby Club recognises the responsibilities of statutory agencies in relation to safeguarding young people and is fully committed to complying with their procedures.
- Knutsford Rugby Club is working towards compliance with all RFU/RFUW Policy and Procedures for the Welfare of Young People.