



## **National Football Youth League**

### **Safeguarding Policy**

It is the aim of the National Football Youth League (NFYL) to ensure that every young person who plays football within the NFYL should be able to participate in an enjoyable and safe environment and be protected from abuse. A child or young person is anyone under the age of 18 engaged in any footballing activity (including match officials).

All adults associated with this 'league' are to safeguard the welfare of all players and where possible protect them from physical, sexual and emotional harm and from neglect and bullying. In striving to attain this the National Football Youth League's aims are as follows:

- To ensure that the young person's welfare is always considered as paramount
- The NFYL will have a designated League Welfare Officer
- All young people involved in football have a right to be protected from abuse and harm regardless of their sporting ability, age, gender, disability, culture, language, racial origin, religious beliefs or sexual identity.
- The NFYL will treat all suspicions and allegations of abuse and poor practice seriously and will respond swiftly and appropriately.
- To ensure all member clubs adhere to the FA's Safeguarding Policies and Procedures for Affiliated Clubs and provide the league with the name of the designated welfare officer for each club. All clubs must keep safeguarding policies and procedures up to date.
- To ensure that all member clubs adopt an anti bullying policy in line with the FA RESPECT anti bullying policy.
- To ensure that all member clubs adhere to their club policies and to the FA RESPECT recommended guidelines with regards to photographs and videos.