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SARRATT REBELS YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN POLICY

1. Commitment to Safeguarding

Sarratt Rebels Youth Football Club acknowledges its responsibility to safeguard the welfare of every child and young person entrusted to our care. We are fully committed to providing a safe, supportive, and enjoyable environment for all young members.

A child or young person is defined as anyone under the age of 18 engaged in any club-related football activity. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility at Sarratt Rebels, and this policy outlines the expectations and procedures we follow to uphold that duty.

2. FA Affiliation and Charter Standard

As an FA Chartered Standard Club, we subscribe to and adopt in full The FA's Safeguarding Children Policy and Procedures and the key principles within it, which are:

- The welfare of the child is, and must always be, the paramount consideration.
- All children and young people, regardless of age, gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, ability, or disability, have the right to be protected from abuse.
- All concerns, suspicions, or allegations of abuse will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately.
- We work in partnership with parents/carers, young people, and relevant organisations to promote safeguarding.

3. Declaration Commitment

Sarratt Rebels Youth Football Club fully supports and adheres to the FA Safeguarding Children Declaration for Youth Football, which we have signed. This includes:

- Proactively sharing our safeguarding policy and Club Welfare Officer (CWO) details with parents, carers, and club officials.
- Ensuring all club and team officials working with U18s are listed on FA systems and have current FA-accepted Enhanced DBS with Barring List Check and in-date FA safeguarding training.
- Ensuring at least two safeguarding-trained and DBS-checked adults are present for every club activity.
- Creating a child-centred culture where welfare is always prioritised.
- Following all FA procedures for managing and referring safeguarding concerns.

Where we run activities for 4–5-year-olds, we also follow the additional safeguarding measures set out in the FA's guidance.

4. Coach and Volunteer Requirements

To comply with The FA's Responsible Recruitment Guidelines, all coaches, managers, and volunteers must:

- Clearly understand the role and responsibilities they are undertaking.
- Provide valid identification and undergo an informal interview where possible.
- Provide and pass reference checks.
- Undergo an Enhanced DBS check with Barring List Check and complete FA Safeguarding Children training, which must be kept up to date.

All current coaches and managers at Sarratt Rebels MUST hold a valid and up-to-date DBS and safeguarding certificate. This is non-negotiable and essential for ensuring the safety of our young players.

5. Creating a Safe Environment

We believe every child has the right to play football in an enjoyable and safe setting. This means protecting children from:

- Poor practice
- Physical, emotional, or sexual harm
- Neglect and bullying

We expect all adults involved in our club — whether paid or voluntary — to act in the best interest of children at all times and to follow this policy without exception.

6. Reporting Concerns

All concerns, suspicions, or allegations relating to the welfare of a child must be reported immediately to our Club Welfare Officer (CWO) or in line with The FA's reporting procedures.

The club will not tolerate any behaviour that compromises child safety, and any failure to follow safeguarding procedures may result in disciplinary action and/or referral to relevant authorities.

7. Contacts and Resources

Club Welfare Officer: Sam Clark 07779 325325 cwsamc@gmail.com

FA Safeguarding Resources: <https://www.thefa.com/football-rules-governance/safeguarding>

Review & Compliance

This policy is reviewed annually and in line with updates to FA guidance. Compliance with this policy is mandatory for all members of Sarratt Rebels Youth Football Club.

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