
	<p><b>IPSWICH RFC Y&amp;J</b></p> <p><b>SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN</b></p> <p><b>POLICY</b></p>	
---	--	---

		
---	---	---

At Ipswich RFC Y&J we encourage children and young persons of all abilities to take part in our sport.

Rugby should be a positive and enjoyable part of the lives of all young players associated with this Club.

We aim to promote and maintain an ethos in the Club that keeps children safe from physical, sexual and emotional abuse while they are with the Club's coaches, helpers and other volunteers or otherwise present on the Club premises.

**To meet this aim we will:**

- Identify a Club Safeguarding Officer whose role it is to deal with any concerns raised regarding the safeguarding of children within the Club.
- Support and encourage all age group coaches to obtain recognised RFU Coaching Awards.
- Ensure all Head Coaches of each age group is qualified to at least RFU Level 1.
- Encourage all coaches and volunteers to be aware of and understand the principles of safeguarding children.
- Provide all coaches with a written Code of Conduct and require all coaches to abide by this Code at all times.
- Ensure all coaches undertake the CRB disclosure process for those working with children in sport.
- Maintain written records of attendance, parental consent and injuries.
- Provide all parents and coaches with access to a written procedure for dealing with accusations or suspicions of child abuse in any of its guises.
- Promote fair play on and off the pitch, play within the spirit of the laws and abide to standards set out in the Rugby Continuum.