

WINCHESTER WALKING FOOTBALL CLUB HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

Policy Owner: Winchester Walking Football Club

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Signed by

PURPOSE

Winchester Walking Football Club (hereafter referred to as WWFC) will endeavour to provide a safe and healthy sporting club environment for players, spectators, volunteers, coaches and officials. This policy encourages everyone to take a role in accident/incident prevention.

POLICY

WWFC is committed to

- keeping all people associated with the Club safe and
- managing any situations, accidents and/or incidents in a manner which minimizes harm to individuals and the club.

STATEMENTS

WWFC will adhere to all safety related directives from parent bodies such as HFA, the WFA e.g. heat policies, head injury policies.

Safety:

Everyone involved with the Club is encouraged to contribute to accident prevention by reporting potential risks or dangers on sighting. WWFC members will inspect playing surfaces to determine safety prior to play, including the removal of any temporary hazards. All WWFC members will take responsibility to ensure that players are encouraged to utilise personal safety equipment, such as shin pads, and that general playing equipment has been well maintained.

Accidents, incidents and near misses occurring will be documented in an accident register including the actions undertaken by Club personnel. This register will be kept by the Secretary and will be regularly reviewed by the Committee to inform any risk management strategies required

Health:

The Club aims to have first aid equipment, including a defibrillator, and when possible an adequately trained first aider, available for competition and training. In the case of an accident occurring where there are no trained personnel

present, club representatives will act on the side of caution and will seek medical assistance, or ambulance support. WWFC encourages all players and coaches to adopt a health promotion approach to player welfare, including adoption of good warm-up, hydration, Sun Screen application, and injury management practices.

PROCEDURES TO SUPPORT MEMBER SAFETY

- The WWFC Committee will ensure the Club Health and Safety Risk Assessment is in place and regularly reviewed as necessary
- The WWFC Committee will review relevant policy statements every 2 years and amend/develop where necessary
- The WWFC Committee will communicate relevant or new policy content to members through training ground briefings or email, encouraging everyone to take a role in accident prevention
- The Club Secretary will ensure that collection of emergency contact details and relevant medical information from members occurs on registration forms when joining the Club. Team data will be provided by the club secretary to the fixtures secretary and/or the club captain and coach as appropriate on the day at training and match events
- WWFC will develop a record of first aid representatives willing to support the Club and the team with which they are associated
- The Club committee member responsible for Health and Safety will replenish the first aid kit and replace any items out of date on a regular basis

Implementation

WWFC is committed to developing and maintaining its capability to implement this policy and procedures. In order to do so there will be a line of accountability within WWFC for the health and safety of all club members, this being the committee member responsible for Health and Safety.