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HEALTH & SAFETY POLICY FOR DRONFIELD RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB

General Policy:

1. The Club will, as far as is reasonably practicable, safeguard the health, safety and welfare of all club members, volunteers and employed individuals visiting and using the club facilities.
2. This policy should be read in conjunction with our existing (web site) documentation on the Club website.
3. The policy will be kept up to date and reviewed as required by business/community/sport & social changes.

Dronfield Rugby Union Football Club Commitment to Health & Safety

The Club is committed to:

- Assessing and providing adequate control of the health and safety risks arising from its activities.
- Consulting with its members on matters affecting their health and safety, providing and maintaining safe equipment for use in pursuance of club activities.
- Providing information, instruction and supervision for club members and users where applicable, ensuring all club members & Volunteers are competent to do their tasks and to give them adequate training, maintaining a safe and healthy operating environment and reviewing and revising this policy as necessary at regular intervals.

Responsibilities:

The Club President, Chairman, Officials, Committee Members, Team Managers and Coaches are responsible for ensuring that:

- The Club's Health and Safety Policy is implemented and that, as far as is reasonably practicable a safe working environment exists in their areas of operation.
- The activities carried out in their areas of operation are conducted in such a manner as to minimize the risk to health and safety.
- All club members, volunteers and employed individuals visiting and using the club facilities have an obligation to take reasonable care for the health and safety of themselves and other persons who may be affected by their actions and co-operate with the Club to enable any such duty to be complied with.

All persons must:

- Observe all safety rules.
- Abide by the instructions issued in the interests of minimizing risks to health and safety.
- Report any hazardous situation to the Club secretary who in turn shall advise the Committee.
- Co-operate in suggesting to the Club Secretary any improvements that could minimize risks to health and safety.



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General Arrangements:

Injuries & Accidents:

- All injuries sustained by players must be handled in line with the Club Accident Policy.

Medical Facilities:

- Each Club Squad should be provided with a First Aid Kit as recommended by the RFU.
- Qualified first aid/medical/medical personnel must be available during training & playing of games.
- Access for Ambulances must be available at all times.
- Access to a telephone (landline and/or mobile) must be available at all times.

Playing and Training Areas:

- All means should be taken to ensure that all areas for playing/training etc. are safe and free from dangers and hazards, i.e. pot holes, sharp objects (stones glass), animal waste, uneven surfaces, puddles of water etc.

Playing Equipment:

- All training/playing equipment is fit for the purpose and does not constitute a danger to anyone using it, i.e. scrum machines are maintained and serviced regularly and hold a current safety certificate.
- Tackle bags/contact pads & suits, post protectors are all in good condition and must be suited to a player's size and ability.
- Marker flag poles should flex on impact with no sharp edges, goalposts should be padded.
- All equipment should be checked prior to training sessions and matches.

Playing Development:

- The teaching/coaching or playing development of players as well as the refereeing of the game of Rugby Football must be carried out under all RFU rules, regulations and directives.
- Careful consideration as to the age and ability of players must be taken when introducing or developing any contact skill or situation.
- Coaches **MUST NOT ASK OR ALLOW** any adult or youth to take part in or help in training, playing or fun sessions of any kind, organized by the Club, who does not have the relevant qualification, training or club's authorization to do so.