

## Liverpool County FA Policy for Support of Under-18 Referee's at Disciplinary Hearings.

Liverpool County FA adopt The FA's Judicial Services department guidance for children and young people attending disciplinary commissions, As such the following practices will be followed in order to best protect the interest of children and young people where they are providing evidence before a disciplinary commission:

- Evidence will only be received from young people, accompanied by a responsible adult, in front of the Commission Members, Commission Secretary, the participant charged and his/her representative.
- All other occupants of a Commission will be asked to leave whilst a young person is giving evidence.
- Only the Commission Chairman will be permitted to ask questions of the young person.
- At the end of any questioning by the Commission Chairman the representative or the participant charged will be asked by the Chairman if there are any other questions they believe should be asked of the witness.
- If so these questions will only be put to the witness by the Commission Chairman.
- Once complete the young person will then be allowed to leave the Commission hearing room and will not be required to remain for the remainder of the hearing.