



## **Guidance when working with U18' Match officials**

### **Before the fixture**

**Do I have parent/carer/guardian details?**

**Have I let both teams know that one of my assistants is under 18?**

**Are there appropriate changing facilities in place at the ground?**

**Is there capability for my colleague to be driven to the fixture by their parent/carer/guardian? If not am I able to pick up the other assistant first?**

**Do make sure that the U18 Official is able to change first and then taken to a place of safety whilst you and the other assistant change.**

### **During the fixture**

**Make sure the under 18 official is away from any potential flash points with technical areas.**

**Give the assistant as much support and protection when making decisions.**

**Make sure he/she is not isolated at any point.**

### **After the fixture**

**In the event of a shared changing room, please make sure that the assistant changes first.**

**Do make sure that the U18 Official is able to change first and then taken to a place of safety whilst you and the other assistant change.**

**Am I able to drop off the assistant first (unless they are travelling with their parent/carer/guardian?)**

**Do I need to follow up with a phone call to the parent/carer/guardian?**

### **Under 18 players**

**During the fixture there may well be u18 players taking part. Has the club/s made you aware that this is the case? If not, then please ask.**

**Make sure that the player/s are given adequate protection during the fixture and that you deal with and report any safeguarding issues that occur.**