



Liverpool County FA

County Action Plan – Youth League Welfare Officer

This policy should be used in conjunction with The Football Association's Safeguarding Operating Standards, Rules & Regulations. These files are all available to download from the Shared (W) Drive. Should you have any difficulty accessing these documents then please contact the Designated Safeguarding Officer, Gordon Johnson or Senior Safeguarding Lead, David Pugh.

Safeguarding children in football is a priority for Liverpool County FA and as such we have a process to ensure that it is embedded across all of our football processes & procedures.

League Welfare Officer- Recruitment following registration

Every League with u18 teams must have:

A named Youth League Welfare Officer (YLWO) holding an in-date FA accepted DBS check along with a safeguarding Children Workshop (SCW) certification, a Welfare Officer Workshop (WOW) certification and must also have completed the online Safeguarding for Committee Members (SCM) course.

Liverpool County FA recognise that when a YLWO resigns this can create additional pressures on a League. As such LCFA are happy to support our Leagues in the recruitment of their new YLWO. In order to be registered as a 'Provisional' YLWO the participant must complete an FA DBS check and SCM Course. To ensure that the League's affiliation is not affected, the YLWO must

book onto the next available Safeguarding Children Course and Welfare Officer Workshop. Failure to attend the SCW and/or WOW within a three month period may affect a Club's affiliation which can be suspended with immediate effect.

Responsible Recruitment

A responsible recruitment process should be used when appointing any League Official and particularly when considering a participant as Youth League Welfare Officer. Leagues should be encouraged to use the CWO network to verify information about former members of Clubs & Leagues. For more information on appointing a Youth League Welfare Officer please visit the FA's website; <http://www.thefa.com/football-rules-governance/safeguarding/thinking-of-becoming-a-welfare-officer> or contact the County FA's DSO, Gordon Johnson, at gordon.johnson@liverpoolfa.com

All Leagues should be encouraged to have a qualified assistant or additional YLWO. This would ensure a smooth transition should a YLWO need to take a step away from the game or resign their position. Please actively promote this as much as possible within your networks.

Any questions should be directed to the County FA DSO or SSL.

Let's keep football safe not sorry.