



ARE YOU AN OPEN-AGE ADULT TEAM WITH 16/17 YEAR OLD PLAYERS?

If you are an open-age adult team with 16/17 year old players, there are certain best practices that you should be meeting in order to ensure the safety of everyone involved in your Club & Team. Take a look at the recommended measures below:

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ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT THE FA CLUB SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN POLICY

It is vital that the club adopt and adhere to The FA's Safeguarding Children Policy when you have 16/17 year olds registered to the club.

You can adopt the policy via this link:

[Safeguarding for Children](#)

2

IDENTIFY COACHES/MANAGERS WHO ARE LIKELY TO HAVE 16/17 YEAR OLD PLAYERS IN THEIR TEAM

If a team has 16/17-year-old players registered, safeguards must be in place even if the under-18 still needs to play.

The coach/manager & any assistants must be identified and listed on the Whole Game System.

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SUPPORT COACHES TO COMPLETE AN FA DBS CHECK

All managers/coaches and assistants will need to have an in-date FA DBS check if they have under 18 players registered to their team for Season 24/25 however it is best practice to start this process now.

Read The FA DBS check FAQ's [here](#)

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ENCOURAGE COMPLETION OF THE FA SAFEGUARDING FOR ALL MODULE

Alongside The FA DBS check. From Season 24/25 all open-age officials with 16/17 year olds in the team will need to complete the player welfare course.

Player welfare course will be launched soon.

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PROVIDE 16/17 YEAR OLD PLAYERS WITH SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION

All 16/17 year old players must be provided with all relevant safeguarding information required to keep them safe. Including how to report concerns and the welfare Officer

As a minimum, the guidance found here (section 7.1) should be circulated

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KEEP RECORDS UP TO DATE

If any of the information surrounding managers/coaches and assistants changes throughout the season, it is important that these changes are uploaded to the Whole Game System via the Club Secretary.

FURTHER SUPPORT

The NFA Safeguarding team are here to support clubs with this.



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