

Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy & Procedures

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

POLICY STATEMENT

The Committee of SuperCupNI wish to ensure that all young people participating in the Tournament do so in an enjoyable and safe environment in which they have fun and feel valued.

The SuperCupNI committee will provide a Safeguarding coordinator for all visiting teams to link in with should there be a specific requirement, they will also ensure this policy is provided to all teams for their information and guidance.

The committee of SuperCupNI will also ensure that all persons assisting in any way in the running of the tournament will be made aware of this policy, including staff, volunteers and officials.

1. It is the aim of the SuperCupNI Committee that all teams taking part SuperCupNI should have a Child Protection Officer in place and a suitable Safeguarding Policy in force and that all their staff are properly employed and trained. Copies will be required by the tournament organisers and kept by them for future examination.
2. The Committee will not employ, either paid or as a volunteer, any child, unless that child is directly supervised by their parent, guardian, or a responsible adult in a Regulated Position.
3. No member of the Tournament Staff should allow themselves to be placed in a position of becoming responsible for any child, being either a member of any of the teams, volunteer staff or a spectator.
4. Members of the Tournament Staff should always deal with the responsible adult and should never go into any changing room, toilet, hotel room or vehicle, without the responsible adult being always present.

5. Members of SuperCupNI Staff should always treat all young people with courtesy and respect and ensure as far as possible others do the same. If staff become aware that any young person is possibly suffering any abuse no matter how trivial they should report this to the person in charge of their area of responsibility, who should complete the Incident Report Form and notify the CPO as at 6 below.
6. Any member of SuperCupNI Staff, who becomes suspicious of any person at any ground, accommodation, vehicle, or anywhere a young person may be (either player or spectator), should notify the Child Protection Officer, Jim Sandford, immediately and complete the Incident Report Form, which will be made available to all staff. Contact numbers will be made available to all staff prior to the Tournament.
7. Any incident of a lost or found child at any ground should be reported immediately to the police. Staff should take immediate action to locate the child's parent/guardian by using P.A. System. If a child is found at least two staff should deal with this child in a calm manner so not to distress the child further. First Aid staff at the ground may also be used.
8. Any incident reported to the Child Protection Officer will be forwarded immediately to the PSNI.
9. All staff should receive adequate training before the Tournament commences.

The IFA Child Protection Policy also applies.

1.21 Code of Conduct

Issued to all Team Members and Officials

1. Our tournament operates in accordance with a Code of Practice and is monitored to make sure that it complies with it. You must play your part, however, to encourage your team, your team officials and your supporters to behave in a manner reflecting sportsmanship and friendship thus helping to ensure that "Football is fun".
2. Before every match in the captains normally exchange a pennant or small souvenir.

3. In the SuperCupNI, teams formally line up before each game and as players are announced they each in turn raise their arm for identification purposes. After both teams and officials have been officially announced, the team to the referee's left will move in single file towards the team on the referee's right (the stationary team) and shake hands with each member of the opposition. A handshake is a gesture of friendship and that is what the Tournament is all about. Any team which does not come in that spirit will not be accepted in future tournaments.
4. Players should be told that the referee's decision (whether right or wrong) should be accepted without question or comment.
5. Team officials should support the referee at all times and never question his decision publicly or undermine his authority.
6. Team supporters should not adopt an aggressive attitude towards the match officials or the opposing team's officials and players.
7. The tournament has rules approved by the National Football Association and FIFA. These rules must be obeyed but if you have a disagreement there is a complaints procedure which you should use and accept the decisions subsequently made.
8. Encourage sportsmanship. Try to ensure that, after the tournament, your team's reputation will have been maintained and enhanced.
9. Each nation has different interpretations and emphasis on aspects of the game. Explain to your players these facts of football life. Respect each others' differences and learn from the experience of playing against each other.
10. The Organising Committee wish to inform all teams that underage drinking (i.e. under 18 years of age) is an offence, and any offenders who get involved in irresponsible behaviour may put their continued participation in the Tournament at risk. We print an extract from the Liquor Laws:

"Section 62(2) – a minor shall not –

 - (a) purchase intoxicating liquor, or
 - (b) consume intoxicating liquor in any place or premises."
11. Acceptance of applications from teams for future Tournaments will be determined by the Organising Committee and past records, including discipline both on and off the field, will be taken into consideration in the selection procedure.

12. Finally, break down the barriers, usually of shyness, language or dialect. Talk and socialise with each other. You will soon learn that we all share a love of football and a concern for young players. Let us pass this on to the next generation.