

SAFEGUARDING IN SPORT

At the 2005 Annual General Meeting, the League introduced a Child Protection Policy and training for referees, players, officials and other volunteers that helps us to meet our legal obligations to develop a culture in which young people can participate in a safe and enjoyable environment. Over the years, the Legislation enforcing 'Child Protection' (now known as Safeguarding) has changed. Leading us to change the way we safeguard the league as a whole. New policies and procedures are now in place to address all our legal obligations.

Every year players, coaches, club officials and other volunteers derive great fun and satisfaction from belonging to sports clubs. As a voluntary organisation, Bury Rounders League has a duty not to harm or endanger anyone as a result of the activities it promotes.

Everyone who participates in the game of Rounders is entitled to do so in an enjoyable and safe environment and to be given the chance to experience the fun, challenge and sense of achievement that are inherent to sport. In addition, all participants are entitled to a duty of care and to be protected from abuse.

We are committed to devising and implementing policies and procedures to ensure everyone in the sport accepts their responsibilities to safeguard all from harm and abuse. This means all teams provide a trained welfare officer (SPC1/SL1 or equivalent) to safeguard their team, and to report any concerns about their welfare.

The 'Bury Rounders Safeguarding Initiative (BRSI)' consists of several policies and procedures that have distributed to all Team Secretaries and Welfare Officers (TWO). It is important that individuals within your club/team are made aware of the existence of this document and are given ample opportunity to read it. By raising the profile of the policies in your club/team, you will be contributing to the proactive nature of Bury Rounders by contributing to our commitment to developing a culture in which young people can participate in a safe and enjoyable environment.

As part of this criterion, Bury Rounders has a nominated a "Welfare Team" whose responsibility is to:

- Promote the Bury Rounders Safeguarding Initiative
- Support the registration of all personnel involved in your club;
- Receive, record and pass on to the person any concerns relating to the welfare of young people within your club;
- Liaise with the Welfare Co-ordinator.
- To hold a valid Safeguarding Certificate

Please make yourself and your team familiar with the Policies and Procedures with in the BRSI. All Policies and Procedures along with more safeguarding information is freely available on the Bury Rounders Website via the following link www.buryrounders.org.uk/safeguarding.html

If you have any questions regarding its content or implementation, please contact Arron Lever and they will be happy to discuss them with you. Of course, if you have a concern about the welfare of anyone, you can report these directly to any of the agencies below:

Emergency Services – 999

Greater Manchester Police - 101 or 0161 856 8229

NHS – 111 or 0845 4647

Bury Council Emergency Duty Team - 0161 253 6606

Bury Police Child Protection Service - 0161 856 8063

Bury Metro Social Child Care Services Team - 0161 253 5454 / 6606

Social Care Services - 0161 259 5151 or 0161 253 6606

Safeguarding Unit – 0161 259 6168

Childline - 0800 1111 **NSPCC** (24 hr helpline) - 0800 800 500

Samaritans – 116 123 or 020 8394 8300

Designated Officers/Person for the League:

Arron Lever (Welfare Co-ordinator) – 07793485995

If in doubt or there is an immediate threat call 999

All Team Welfare Officers (TWO) must attend Safeguarding Training and familiarise themselves with the BRSI.

All League Management Committee and Team Officials must familiarise themselves with the BRSI.