



HEALTH & SAFETY POLICY STATEMENT

Ballykeel Youth Football Club is committed to providing a safe working, coaching, teaching and learning environment for all personnel, learners and any related third parties. Responsibility for health and safety ultimately lies with the head of Ballykeel Youth Football Club, Mr. James Weir, However, all learners and Volunteer personnel have a legal responsibility, as stated under Section 7 of the Health and Safety at Work (Northern Ireland) Order 1978, to do everything practicable to prevent an accident or injury to themselves and to fellow learners, spectators, members of the public and the clubs volunteers & personnel.

Ballykeel Youth Football Club aims to promote health and safety, so far as reasonably practicable, by ensuring:

- ☐ the provision and maintenance of safe equipment that poses no risk to health.
- ☐ the provision of relevant information to learners, personnel and any related third parties, including instruction, training and supervision, as is necessary to ensure health and safety.
- ☐ maintenance of safe environments, including a means of access in a condition that is safe and without risk to health.
- ☐ progressive identification and assessment of all risk, taking measures to eliminate or control it.
- ☐ compliance with statutory regulation on health and safety and welfare of learners, personnel and any related third parties.
- ☐ the health and safety and welfare of vulnerable learners is addressed through positive action.
- ☐ all required and appropriately qualified members of personnel are given training to identify and control potentially hazardous situations/environments.
- ☐ effective measures, such as emergency procedures, fire alarms, are in place to deal with emergencies.

This list is not exhaustive and represents general principles followed by Ballykeel Youth Football Club in respect of health and safety and protection of the club members and coaches.

First Aid

The nominated/appointed individuals(s) are:

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| ☐ Jonny Russell | ☐ Nigel Stewart |
| ☐ Lewis Tennant | ☐ Barry Mawhinney |
| ☐ Aaron Bamber | ☐ Gareth Gault |
| ☐ John Boyd | |

All confirmed nominees are appropriately qualified first-aiders, holding current first-aid certificates. Therefore, one of the first aiders listed above must be contacted in the event of an incident occurring, to administer any first aid required. It is important that all issues where a first aider has been involved are recorded in the necessary incident logbook

THE FIRST AID BOXES will be at the following locations:

- ☐ Pitch side with nominated first Aider.

MANAGEMENT/COACHING

The Manager/Coach is the responsible person for their 'Age Group Team' and this person has a duty as a minimum to ensure that they hold an in-date:



- Accepted Enhanced Access NI check.
- Emergency First Aid qualification.
- Safeguarding Children qualification.

EQUIPMENT & TRAINING/MATCH VENUE

The following guidelines should be carried out by all Managers and Coaches:

- All players wear shin guards during matches
- That the football is safe (i.e., not damaged)
- All equipment is undamaged and is used in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.
- Player's boots and the 'blades' or 'studs' on them are checked regularly for safety.
- All items of jewellery (necklaces, rings, earrings, bands, etc.) are strictly forbidden and must be removed.
(Using tape to cover jewellery is not acceptable.)

Playing and Training Venue Checks should be undertaken to ensure that:

- The pitch, sports hall, all weather surface or field for any hazards i.e., any obstacle, item or implement which may cause harm or discomfort to any player, official or spectator.
- That goal posts are secure and safe. (Consult the goalpost safety guidelines by the FAI <https://www.fai.ie/sites/default/files/atoms/files/GoalpostSafety.pdf>)
- That corner flags and barriers are used correctly in matches.
- Changing facilities are secure and safe.

CONTACT DETAILS

Management/ Coaches to ensure that they have either a complete and up to date 'Emergency Contacts' schedule or access to their membership forms.

END OF GAME/TRAINING PROCEDURES

- All equipment should be packed away safely and securely.
- All rubbish should be removed from areas used.
- Coaches should not leave the location until all Players have departed.
- Premises should be locked securely.

PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

Children remain the responsibility of their parents /legal guardians at all times when participating in football training, matches and any other Ballykeel Youth Football Club activities and also when arriving and departing from them. Ballykeel Youth Football Club does provide all reasonable safeguards in terms of appropriately vetting its coaches and volunteers, having a Club Child Welfare officer and acting in accordance with Policy and Advice issued by The Football Association and The Football Association in the conduct of its activities and affairs. As a Club, our volunteers do have a duty of care for the children in our membership, but this does not extend to the level of that of teachers or registered childminders and as such parents/legal guardians are advised against dropping their younger age group children off and leaving the site during football training, matches and other Ballykeel Youth Football Club activities.



Should parents/legal guardians make any arrangements with other adults concerning their child including their supervision and transportation to/from Ballykeel Youth Football Club activities then this is at their own responsibility in their own legal capacity and not the responsibility of Ballykeel Youth Football Club.

This policy will be maintained, reviewed and updated annually or when necessary if changes have been made.