



Amesbury Rugby Football Club

Safeguarding Policy

1. Amesbury Rugby Football Club acknowledges its responsibility to safeguard the welfare of all children involved in Amesbury Rugby Club from harm.
2. Amesbury RFC confirms that it adheres to the Rugby Football Union's Safeguarding Policy and the procedures, practices and guidelines and endorse and adopt the Policy Statement contained in that document and any successor policy.
3. A child is anyone under the age of 18 engaged in any rugby union activity. However, where a 17 year old male player is playing in the adult game it is essential that every reasonable precaution is taken to ensure his safety and wellbeing are protected.
4. The Key Principles of the RFU Safeguarding Policy are that:
 - The welfare of the child is, and must always be, paramount to any other considerations.
 - All participants regardless of age, gender, ability or disability, race, faith, culture, size, shape, language or sexual identity have the right to protection from abuse or harm.
 - All allegations or suspicions of abuse, neglect, harm and poor practice will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly, fairly and appropriately.
 - Working in partnership with other organisations, statutory agencies, parents, carers, children and young people is essential for the welfare of children.
 - Children have a right to expect support, and personal and social development delivered by an appropriately recruited, vetted and managed in relation to their participation in rugby union, whether they are playing, volunteering or officiating in the community or professional areas of the sport.
5. Amesbury RFC recognises that all children have the right to participate in sport in a safe, positive and enjoyable environment whilst at the



same time being protected from abuse, neglect, harm and poor practice. Amesbury RFC recognises that this is the responsibility of everyone involved, in whatever capacity, at the club.

6. Amesbury RFC will implement and comply with the RFU Code of Conduct and the Codes of Conduct for Coaches, Spectators and Officials as appropriate.
7. The Club Safeguarding Officer is **Louise Graham: 07388549659**. If you witness or are aware of an incident where the welfare of a child has been put at risk you must, in the first instance, inform the Club Safeguarding Officer. They will then inform the CB Safeguarding Manager and the RFU Safeguarding Team. If an incident involves the Club Safeguarding Officer you should inform the Club Secretary, Andrew Hill or the Director of Rugby (SG asst) Darren Rogers and either the CB Safeguarding Manager or the RFU Safeguarding Team.
8. All members of Amesbury RFC who work with children in Regulated Activity must undertake an RFU Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check in accordance with RFU Regulation 21.
9. Amesbury RFC will ensure that all its members, whether they are coaches, parents, players or officials will comply with the Best Practice Guidance as issued by the RFU. In summary, the following are **NOT** acceptable and will be treated seriously by the club and may result in disciplinary action being taken by the club, the CB or the RFU:
 - Working alone with a child.
 - Consuming alcohol whilst responsible for children.
 - Providing alcohol to children or allowing its supply.
 - Smoking in the presence of children.
 - Humiliating children.
 - Inappropriate or unnecessary physical contact with a child.
 - Participating in, or allowing, contact or physical games with children.
 - Having an intimate or sexual relationship with any child developed as a result of being in a 'position of trust.'
 - Making sexually explicit comments or sharing sexually explicit material.
10. Amesbury RFC manages the changing facilities and arranges for them to be supervised by two DBS checked adults of the appropriate gender for the players using the facilities. Amesbury RFC ensures that all its



coaches, parents, officials and spectators are aware that adults must not change at the same time, using the same facilities as children.

11. Amesbury RFC will ensure that its coaches and team managers will receive the support and training considered appropriate to their position and role. The RFU “**Managing Challenging Behaviour**” Policy has been adopted and circulated amongst the club workforce both, voluntary and paid.
12. Any events held on Amesbury RFC premises must comply with this Policy and if appropriate a Safeguarding Plan should be discussed and circulated to those affected. Any tours, overseas or domestic, undertaken by Amesbury RFC must comply with the relevant RFU Regulations and Guidance relating to tours.
13. Amesbury RFC will ensure any communal areas, shared with any other sports team of equal age, are managed in accordance with this policy.
14. Amesbury RFC has adopted the RFU’s Anti-Bullying policy. This can be viewed on the RFU website at www.rfu.com
15. Safeguarding concerns raised to the local authority; must be reported to the child’s local authority that they reside in and that in which the incident occurred. Details for Wiltshire Local Authority contacts are below.
It is Head of Junior Rugby or his/her designated understudy’s duty to inform the Safeguarding Officer of where incidents/allegations took place.

Wiltshire Local Authority Safeguarding contacts:

If you have concerns about a child, please contact:
Wiltshire Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) 0300 456 0108
(08:45am-5pm Mon-Thurs) and (8:45am-4pm) Friday
Emergency Duty Service 0300 456 0100 (5pm - 8.45am)

If a child is in immediate danger or left alone, you should contact the police or call an ambulance immediately on 999.

If you have concerns about a vulnerable adult, please contact the social care team: Telephone: 0300 456 0111 Textphone: 01225 712501
Email: adviceandcontact@wiltshire.gov.uk
Monday to Thursday: 08:30 – 17:20 Friday: 08:30 – 16:20



If you need urgent help or advice outside of these hours, you can call 0300 456 0100

If you wish to report a crime contact Wiltshire Police by calling 101
In an emergency always dial 999

Useful contact details:

RFU Safeguarding Officer: Chris Rawlings chrisrawlings@rfu.com

D&W Safeguarding Officer: Dave Harris daveharrisrugby@hotmail.com

NSPCC Helpline: 08088005000

Child Protection in Sport (CPSU): 01162347278

This must be adopted in accordance with the club constitution.

Signed – Louise Graham

Date – 3rd August 2024