



Parents' Handbook

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Our Mission

The club's mission:

- our football will be inclusive and fun
- to develop children's social skills, confidence and self-esteem as well as technical footballing ability
- to promote fair play
- to provide quality equipment and coaching
- put children's safety and well-being above all else

Code of Conduct for Parents/Carers

A parent/carer should:

- Ensure each player is appropriately dressed, ie, with shin-pads, no jewellery, no watches, proper footwear and warm clothing when outside.
- Ensure each player has a water bottle or isotonic drink.
- Never challenge the decision of a referee.
- Encourage the opposition team as well as your own team.
- Avoid coaching their child during a game.
- Be punctual for training sessions.

St Andrews will ensure that the best quality coaching is provided within the resources of the club – you should be aware of the following code of conduct which applies to all the club's coaches.

- Coaches will place the well-being and safety of each player above all other considerations, including the development of performance.
- Coaches will ensure that activities they advocate are appropriate for the age, experience and ability of players.
- Coaches will consistently display high standards of behaviour and appearance.
- Coaches will not tolerate or use inappropriate language.
- Coaches will never criticise a player - all feedback will be positive.
- Coaches will be punctual.
- League coaches will ensure every player in the squad is rotated.
- League coaches will ensure each player's development is placed ahead of the team's results and to assist this coaches may only register 10 players for the 7v7 League (coaches must have the permission of all parents and the St Andrews Committee to go beyond 10).
- Coaches will send regular newsletters to parents.

Players Code of Conduct

As the parent/carer of a club member, please could you support the following rules for our players.

- Set a good example to team-mates and supporters.
- Use Fair Play at all times.
- Treat opponents with respect and shake hands after every game.
- Never challenge the decision of a referee.

Man Of The Match / Team Player Awards

Our coaches may give out awards following training sessions, friendly matches, league matches, etc.

When choosing who will receive the award our coaches will be mindful of the following principles.

- The awards should not solely be given out on the basis of skill or goal-scoring.
- Awards will be given for effort, teamwork, workrate, trying.
- By the end of the season each player should have received the award at least once.

Carer responsibility during training and matches

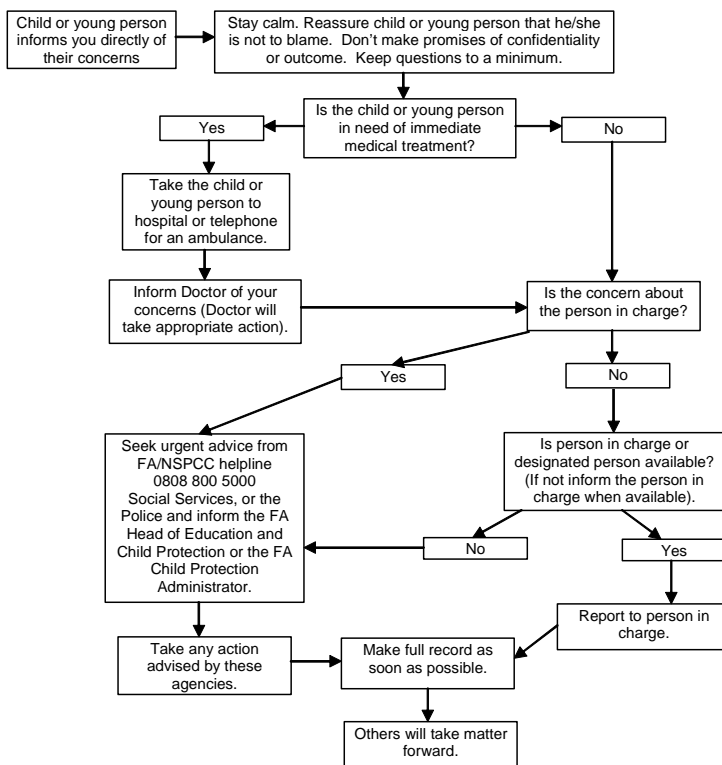
It is the policy of St Andrews club that parents/carers should remain responsible for their children during training or matches. You should stay close at hand in case your child needs attention and if you are unable to stay then you should ask another parent to take responsibility for your child. If your child is injured during a match please do not enter the field of play unless invited to do so – leave the initial first aid assessment to one of the match officials or coaches.

Child Protection Policy

As an organisation involved with children, it is sensible for us to have a Child Protection Policy. The FA has made a number of recommendations which we have adopted and it is important that you are aware of the key ones:

- Children should not assist with putting up goal posts or carrying heavy equipment.
- In extremes of hot or cold temperatures then the coaches will cancel training/matches.
- Children must always wear shin-pads.
- Permission must be obtained from the club before taking photographs or video at training/matches.

Parents should be aware of the following flowchart which shows the action to take if a child or young person informs you directly that he/she is concerned about someone's behaviour towards them.



Equipment Container

Children must not go inside the equipment container under any circumstances.

Goal Post Safety

No children under 16 should help carry, assemble or dismantle goal posts.

Complaints Procedure

In the event that any member feels that he or she has suffered discrimination in any way or that the club policies, rules or Code of Conduct have been broken, then they should follow the procedures below.

Report the matter to the Club Secretary or another member of the Committee. Your report should include:

- Details of what, when and where the occurrence took place.
- Any witness statements and names.
- Names of any others who may have been treated in a similar way.
- Details of any former complaints made about the incident, date, when and to whom made.
- A preference for a solution to the incident

The Club's Management Committee will sit for any hearings that are requested.

The Club's Management Committee will have the power to warn as to future conduct, suspend or remove from membership, any person found to have broken the club's policies or Codes of Conduct.

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