



St. Brendan's Old Boys' R.F.C.

Members of the Bristol Rugby Combination
Affiliated to the R.F.U. S.C.R.F.U



SBOB Child Protection Policy

At St Brendan's Old Boys (SBOB) we believe that taking part in our sport should be a positive and enjoyable part of children's lives.

The club wants to ensure that children are protected and kept safe from physical, sexual and emotional harm, while they are with the club's coaches and volunteers.

Every child or young person, defined as any person under the age of 18, who plays or participates in rugby union at the club should be able to take part in an enjoyable and safe environment and be protected from abuse. This is the responsibility of every adult at the club. All young people whatever their age, culture, disability, gender, language, racial origin, religious belief and/or sexual identity have the right to protection from abuse.

The club recognises its responsibility to safeguard the welfare of all children and young people by protecting them from physical, sexual or emotional harm and from neglect or bullying. The club is determined to meet its obligation to ensure that all mini and youth levels offer children and young people the highest possible standards of care.

Should you suspect abuse either internally within The Club or externally, your concerns should be immediately reported to the Club Welfare Officer, who will promptly follow the procedures and guidelines laid down in the Rugby Football Union's Policy and Procedures for the Welfare of Young People in Rugby Union.

Please note that:

- All coaches designated as leading an age group will normally have completed an appropriate RFU coaching course.
- All coaches are required to undergo a Criminal Records Bureau check.
- Parents and carers are encouraged to assist with coaching sessions under the direct supervision of qualified coaches.
- The club encourages parents and carers of both genders to assist with coaching.
- All players, Parents/Carers and coaches will be expected to abide by the relevant code of conduct.
- All Players, Parents/Carers, and coaches will be given a copy of this Policy.
- Parents/Carers are asked to discuss the code of conduct for players with their children.
- Any problems should be initially addressed to the Coach leading a particular age group.
- The Club's own Welfare Officer, or Chairman, are also available should any dissatisfaction remain.

The Club's Welfare Officer is Andy Nelson (U14's coach). He can be contacted on 0117 9249379 or 07967 467131, or via andy.nelson@bcs.org .