



FORT ST. JOHN SOCCER CLUB

FSJ Soccer Club

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Child Safety and Welfare Policy

The Ft St John Soccer Club recognizes its responsibility for the safety and welfare of every child and underage person registered within the Club and participating within the Club's soccer programming. FSJ Soccer is invested in providing a safe environment for all members.

FSJ Soccer is committed to the protection of its members and supports the best practices and procedures within the Canadian Soccer Association's Guide to Safety along with its updating from time to time.

In support of FSJ Soccer's commitment to the safety and welfare of the children and young people within the Club, we endorse and adopt the statements within this Child Safety and Welfare ("Policy").

Key Principles:

1. All children's welfare is, and will always be, the first priority of soccer programming.
2. Coaches, team staff, board members and all other supporting personnel from Ft St John Soccer are aware they have a "duty of care" to the children with which they work and will conduct themselves with this in mind.
3. All children and young people have a right to be protected from physical, sexual, or emotional harm and from neglect or bullying regardless of their age, gender, disability, culture, language, racial origin, religious beliefs, or sexual orientation.
4. All suspicions and allegations of abuse will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately. If a child is in immediate danger intervene and call the police (9-1-1 or your local police). Additionally, a child protection social worker should also be contacted to determine whether the child needs protection.
5. If you think a child or youth under 19 years of age is being abused or neglected, you have the legal duty to report your concern to a child welfare worker. Phone 1 800 663-9122 at any time of the day or night.
6. All registered members, Club volunteers and staff must work together with the Club and in partnership with local government organizations to uphold child safety and welfare.

In addition to the policies and codes of conduct of the Canadian Soccer Association ("CSA"), the Alberta Soccer Association ("ASA") and the BC Soccer Association ("BCSA"), FSJ Soccer hereby:

1. Acknowledges it plays a role in safeguarding the welfare of all children and young people by protecting them from physical, sexual or emotional harm and from neglect or bullying and will act in such a fashion as to prevent harm from coming to members.
2. Confirms this Policy applies to everyone within the Club whether in a paid or voluntary capacity or a registered player. This includes those who are a volunteer, match official, manager or other team support member, coach, club official, Club executive member, Board member, or medical staff.

Supporting Policies:

https://canadasoccer.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/CanadaSoccer_Guide_Safety_EN.pdf
<https://albertasoccer.com/safe-sport/safe-sport-resources-reporting/>
<https://www.bcsoccer.net/safe-sport/report-abuse/>