



Hurricanes Football Club

Health and Safety Policy

Hurricanes Football Club recognises that the health and safety of players, spectators and officials is essential to the enjoyment and success of everyone involved in youth football. This includes but is not necessarily limited to the following considerations:

- 1 The club have public and civil liability insurance in the unlikely event of an accident being attributed to the facilities used by the club.
- 2 The pitch is maintained regularly to ensure that there are no hazards that may cause injury to the players or officials. This includes regular trimming, rolling and spiking to ensure an even and smooth playing surface.
- 3 Compliance with the FA Goalpost Safety Rules such as:
 - Goalposts shall always be anchored securely to the ground when in use and secured as per the manufacturers instructions
 - The goalposts used by Hurricanes Football Club are portable and shall not be left in place after use. They shall be dismantled and removed to a place of secure storage
 - Under no circumstances shall children or adults be allowed to climb on, swing or play with the structure of the goalposts
 - Regular inspections of goalposts shall be carried out to check that they are properly maintained
 - Nets shall only be secured by plastic hooks or tape and not by metal cup hooks.
 - The goalposts used by Hurricanes Football Club shall comply with the BSI standard for mini-soccer goalposts - PAS 36:2000
- 4 Prior to a match the pitch shall be checked for hazardous objects such as stones or broken glass.
- 5 The club shall appoint a qualified first aider to be in attendance during the match in the event of an accident occurring.
- 6 Sufficient access is available at the Hurricanes Football Club home pitch to permit an emergency vehicle to reach the pitch should there be an unforeseen accident during a match.
- 7 All team officials shall be made aware of established safety procedures.
- 8 The FA guidelines described on www.TheFA.com/Goal shall be followed during club travel, e.g. when transporting club members to and from football activities and when organising trips away.
- 9 Any accident that occurs shall be fully reported on an accident report form and discussed by the committee to ensure any lessons may be learned for the future.