



# LETTER OF ASSURANCE

## Safeguarding Requirements for Visiting Rugby Clubs

To Whom It May Concern,

### Re: Safeguarding Requirements for Visiting Rugby Clubs

When visiting our grounds and participating in activities that constitute regulated activity, all visiting rugby clubs are required to ensure that they comply with the relevant safeguarding legislation, statutory guidance and England Rugby (RFU) safeguarding regulations.

Please ensure that your club complies with the following requirements:

#### 1. Relevant Legislation and Statutory Guidance

##### **The Children Act 1989 & 2004**

Establishes the fundamental principle that the welfare of the child is paramount and sets out the responsibilities of organisations in protecting children from harm.

##### **The Protection of Freedoms Act 2012**

Provides the legal framework for the vetting and barring arrangements and defines what constitutes "Regulated Activity" when working with children and vulnerable groups.

##### **Working Together to Safeguard Children Guidance**

Provides statutory guidance on how organisations should work with local safeguarding partners and relevant local authorities, including Oxfordshire County Council, to identify, report and manage safeguarding concerns and allegations of abuse.

#### 2. England Rugby (RFU) Safeguarding Regulations

England Rugby translates the requirements of UK safeguarding legislation into specific regulations and policies applicable to rugby clubs.

##### **RFU Regulation 21 – Safeguarding**

All clubs and individuals involved in rugby must comply with the applicable safeguarding requirements set out in RFU Regulation 21 and the England Rugby Safeguarding Policy. This

includes individuals who may be considered to be in a "position of trust" in relation to children.

### **Club Safeguarding Officer (CSO)**

Any club operating an age-grade section (under 18s), or allowing 17-year-old players to participate in adult rugby, must appoint an appropriately qualified Club Safeguarding Officer.

The Club Safeguarding Officer must complete the England Rugby *In Touch* safeguarding training within six months of appointment.

## **3. Safer Recruitment and DBS Checks**

### **Enhanced DBS Checks**

Individuals undertaking regulated activity with children, including those who regularly coach, manage or supervise under-18 players, must hold the appropriate Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) clearance processed through the appropriate England Rugby arrangements.

### **Confirmation of Compliance**

By signing below, we confirm that our club has appropriate safeguarding arrangements in place and that we comply with the relevant legislation, statutory guidance and England Rugby safeguarding requirements outlined above.

We further confirm that all personnel representing our club who are involved in regulated activity with children have the appropriate safeguarding training, checks and approvals required for their role.

We understand that compliance with these requirements is a condition of participating in activities at your grounds.

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**Position:** Safeguarding Officer \_\_\_\_\_



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