

Pro Touch Soccer Academy CIC

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Safeguarding Children policy and Procedures

1. Policy Statement

Pro Touch Soccer Academy CIC acknowledges its responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of all children and young people who participate in our activities. We are committed to providing a safe environment for children and young people and to actively promote their well-being.

We subscribe to The FA's Safeguarding Children Policy and Procedures and adopt its key principles to guide our work with children and young people across our sports and community projects.

1) Key Principles

- The child's welfare is, and must always be, the paramount consideration.
- All children and young people have a right to protection from abuse, neglect, or exploitation regardless of age, gender, race, disability, sexual orientation, faith or belief.
- All suspicions and allegations of abuse or poor practice will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately.
- Working in partnership with other organisations, children, young people, and their parents/carers is essential.

2) Scope of the Policy

This policy applies to all staff, coaches, volunteers, and anyone working on behalf of Pro Touch Soccer Academy CIC across our programmes and events, including sports sessions, educational activities, and holiday provision (e.g. HAF and wraparound childcare).

All individuals in a position of trust must act in accordance with this policy and promote a culture of vigilance and responsibility.

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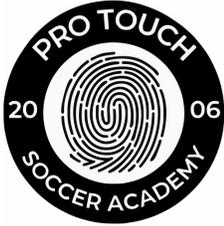
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4) Safer Recruitment

Pro Touch Soccer Academy CIC follows the FA's Responsible Recruitment guidelines. As part of our commitment, we:

- Clearly define roles and responsibilities involving children.
- Verify identity and background information.
- Conduct interviews or informal chats.



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- Request and follow up on two references.
- Require an Enhanced DBS check with Barred List check where eligible. All staff in regulated activity must hold an up-to-date Enhanced DBS certificate aligned with current FA and government policy.

5) Whistleblowing and Reporting Concerns

We endorse The FA's Whistleblowing Policy. Anyone (adult or young person) with concerns about a person in a position of trust can report them via:

- Pro Touch Soccer Academy CIC's Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)
- The FA Safeguarding Team: 0800 169 1863 / Safeguarding@TheFA.com
- NSPCC: 0808 800 5000
- Police or Children's Social Care Services

Whistleblowers are protected under law and will not face negative consequences for raising concerns in good faith.

6) Club Welfare Officer (DSL)

Pro Touch Soccer Academy CIC has appointed a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), trained in child protection and welfare procedures. The DSL is the first point of contact for safeguarding concerns and works with the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO), The FA, and the NSPCC.

- DSL Name: [Chris Franco]
- Contact: [07495448014 and info@protouchsocceracademy.com]

7) Bullying and Abuse

We recognise bullying as a form of abuse and are committed to preventing it. We encourage all participants to speak up, and any incidents reported will be addressed promptly. Serious cases will be referred to external safeguarding authorities.

8) Codes of Conduct

Pro Touch Soccer Academy CIC has implemented Respect Codes of Conduct for:

- Children and young people
- Parents and carers
- Coaches, volunteers, and staff

Breaches will result in appropriate action and, if necessary, involve external disciplinary procedures or referral to governing bodies (e.g. County FA).

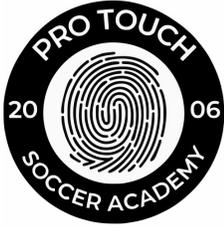
9) Responding to Safeguarding Concerns

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. If a child is at risk or discloses abuse:

- Report to the DSL immediately.
- If the child is in immediate danger, call 999.
- If urgent medical attention is needed, seek help first and inform the DSL.
- If you can't reach the DSL, contact:

A. Local Authority Social Care

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B. NSPCC Helpline

C. The FA Safeguarding Team

Records of concerns and actions taken must be completed in writing, kept securely, and shared only on a need-to-know basis.

10) Access to the Policy and Training

This policy is made available to all staff, volunteers, and parents via our website and induction process. All staff and volunteers are required to complete safeguarding training relevant to their role.

11) Review and Monitoring

This policy will be reviewed annually by the DSL and senior management. Updates will be made in line with legislation, best practice, and learning from safeguarding cases.

12) Key Contacts · Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL): Chris Franco

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· Deputy DSL: Chris Chen chris.c@protouchsa.co.uk

· Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO):

· The FA Safeguarding Team: 0800 169 1863 / Safeguarding@TheFA.com

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Let's make Pro Touch Soccer Academy CIC a safe and trusted space for every child and young person.

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