

Powell River Soccer Child Safety and Welfare Policy

Powell River Youth Soccer (the "Club") recognizes its responsibility to safeguard the safety and welfare of every child and young person registered within the Club and participating within the Club's programming and is committed to working to provide a safe environment for all members.

We are committed to child protection, the Coaches Association of Canada Responsible Coaching Movement and support the best practice policies and procedures within the Canadian Soccer Association's Guide to Safety as modified from time to time.

In support of its commitment to the safety and welfare of the children and young people within the Club, Powell River Youth Soccer endorses and adopts the statements within this Child Safety and Welfare ("Policy"). Key Principles

1. All children's welfare is and must always be a paramount consideration.
2. 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.
3. All suspicions and allegations of abuse will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately. If a child is in immediate danger, call police (call 9-1-1 or your local police) to intervene and a child protection social worker should be contacted to determine whether the child is in need of protection. 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.**
4. 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") and the BC Soccer Association ("BCSA"), the Club 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.
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.