



HADDINGTON ATHLETIC F.C.

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY STATEMENT

Haddington Athletic Football Club (HAFC) in conjunction with the Haddington Community Club (HACFC) is fully committed to safeguarding the welfare of all players in its care. HAFC recognises its responsibility to promote safe practice and to protect players from harm, abuse and exploitation.

To achieve this HAFC intends to create a safe environment for all children participating in sport. To help achieve this HAFC will have in place the appropriate people, policies, practices and procedures to ensure the safety and wellbeing of children in and through sport.

The protection of children is the responsibility of everyone within HAFC regardless of their role. With this in mind the following points are noted:

- The welfare of the child is paramount
- All children whatever their age, culture, disability, gender, language, racial origin, religious beliefs and/or sexual identity have the right to protection from abuse.
- All suspicions and allegations of abuse will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately.
- All members and staff of HAFC have a responsibility to report concerns, in the first instance, to the **Child Welfare Protection Officer. Contact details– David Mackay 07950 383377**

Effective implementation of child protection policies will;

- Promote a consistent approach to all child protection matters.
- Help maximise child safety

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