

HEALTH AND SAFETY

The health and safety of boys and girls playing for the club, together with adults who are spectators, volunteers, managers or coaches is paramount, when they are participating in any event organised by the club or representing the club.

All team managers must be aware of the club Child Protection policy, and not put themselves or any player at risk by their actions. All issues affecting child protection **MUST** be referred in the first instance to the club Child Welfare Officer, and should not be pursued direct with the police or Social Services. If you have any doubt that a child is being abused please contact him immediately for advice.

Every team must have a first aid kit with them at every game, which contains as a minimum bandages, sterile gauze, and cotton wool. It is advisable **NOT** to use water in a bucket for sports injuries, but to carry 2 sprays, one frozen until an hour or so before kick off so that it is cold when used.

The safety of players is very important, but the team manger should not remove the team from the game because of fears about their safety until the referee has been consulted and given an opportunity to abandon the game. Unilateral action will result in a large fine and loss of points from the League.

Team managers should immediately report any instances of players being threatened or intimidated by adults to the club secretary who will decide whether to send a formal report to the league/ Herts FA. The club takes such allegations very seriously, and if the facts are proven, reserve the right to exclude the adult from our ground, either sine die or for a specified period. The club has a zero tolerance policy towards bad behaviour by players and adult supporters.

The club has public liability insurance, obtained through the Herts FA, but managers must bear responsibility for the health and safety of their players at all times.