

Child Safety Policy

As part of Canada Soccer's Guide to Safety it is imperative that Cambridge Youth Soccer acknowledge its responsibility to safeguard all minors that are entrusted into the care of the organization. We are committed to providing a safe environment for all of our members.

Cambridge Youth Soccer subscribes to the Canada Soccer Child Protection Policy and Procedures, safeguarding young people in soccer.

The Key Principles of the Canada Soccer Protection Policy are as follows:

- The child's welfare is, and must always be, the paramount consideration
- All children and young people have a right to be protected from abuse regardless of their age, gender, disability, culture, language, racial origin, religious beliefs or sexual orientation
- All suspicions and allegations of abuse will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately.
- Working in partnership with other organizations, children and young people and their parents/caregivers is essential
- We acknowledge that every child or young person who plays or participates in soccer should be able to take part in an enjoyable and safe environment and be protected from poor practice and abuse. CYS recognizes that this is the responsibility of every adult involved in our club

Cambridge Youth Soccer has a role to play in safeguarding the welfare of all children and young people by protecting them from physical, sexual or emotional harm and from neglect or bullying. It is noted and accepted that this policy is applied to everyone involved with the club, whether in a paid or volunteer capacity.

All current club members with direct access to children must obtain a Volunteer Sector Screening (VSS) check with the Waterloo Regional Police department before taking on a volunteer role within the organization.

It is the duty of any member of the club to report any suspicion of child abuse to law enforcement (Waterloo Regional Police Service).

Codes of conduct for players, parents and coaches have been implemented by the club. In order to validate these codes of conduct the club has clear sanctions to deal with any misconduct at club level.

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