



COLCHESTER UNITED SUPPORTERS ASSOCIATION SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN POLICY

PURPOSE

Colchester United Football Club is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of Children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers involved with the Club to share this commitment.

The Association supports this commitment and understands that it has safeguarding responsibilities to members under the age of 18. The committee will be familiar with, and endorse this policy.

The Association shall liaise with Colchester United to ensure that safeguarding policies and procedures are in place which are effective, practical, and updated as and when required.

UNDER 18 MEMBERS

- This document shall be provided to the parent/guardian of every Under 18 member upon their registration with CUSA.
- In order for an Under 18 to register with CUSA a registration form must be completed and signed by their parent/guardian. This registration form will include sections for emergency contact and medical information.

AWAY TRAVEL FOR UNDER 18s

- All members under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian at all times.
- Whilst travelling to and from away fixtures, Under 18s will be covered by the Coach Company's Public Liability Insurance.
- Under 18s are not permitted to travel whilst under the influence of alcohol or consume alcohol during the trip.
- Under 18s are not permitted to travel whilst under the influence of drugs or take drugs during the trip.
- Under 18s are not permitted to place bets either at the opposition club's stadium or at a service station on route to the fixture.

INDEPENDENT TRAVEL FOR 17 AND 18 YEAR OLDS

- CUSA will allow members aged 16 or over to travel without a parent or guardian.
- Members of the CUSA committee will offer a reasonable and appropriate level of supervision which will include regular head counts.
- When 16 and 17 year olds travel independently, they must speak to a member of the CUSA committee in the event that they have any questions or concerns.
- When parents/guardians allow 16 and 17 year olds to travel independently, they are acknowledging that they retain overall responsibility and accepting that all CUSA committee members are volunteers, and do not hold Enhanced Criminal Records Checks and First Aid qualifications.
- Parents must ensure that CUSA always holds up to date medical information for the member and contact information for parents/guardians.
- The CUSA retain to right to refuse to take any Under 18 alone if they believe that parent/guardian supervision is necessary.

CONTACTS

In the event of any safeguarding enquiry, please contact Jeanette Westlake 07778 018834 or enquiries@cusa.co.uk

In the event of a safeguarding complaint, please contact Tim Waddington, CUFC General Manager and Senior Safeguarding Manager on 01206 755102 extension 1102 or tim.waddington@colchesterunited.net.