

Edinburgh International Cup – Safeguarding & Wellbeing Policy

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1. Introduction

The Edinburgh International Cup is committed to ensuring the safety, wellbeing, and protection of every child and young person participating in the tournament. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and applies to all players, referees, coaches, volunteers, officials, spectators, and guests attending the event.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all tournament venues, accommodation sites, event activities, and all individuals involved in the Edinburgh International Cup.

3. Safeguarding Responsibilities

The Event Safeguarding Officer (ESO) is responsible for leading safeguarding across the tournament and managing any concerns or incidents reported during the event.

Venue Safeguarding Leads will be appointed at each venue and will act as the first point of contact for safeguarding concerns.

Team Officials and Referee Coordinators are responsible for the supervision and welfare of their groups both on and off the pitch.

4. Supervision of Under-18 Participants

Any person under the age of 18 must be accompanied and supervised by an appropriate adult at all times during the tournament, including at all venues, accommodation sites, and pitchside areas.

Under-18 participants, including referees, must not attend or stay within approved event accommodation without an appointed adult responsible for their welfare.

Any person under the age of 18 will not share accommodation with anyone over the age of 18 unless they are an immediate family member or their officially appointed responsible adult.

5. Accommodation & Overnight Stays

Only registered guests and approved officials are permitted within official tournament accommodation.

Accommodation arrangements must ensure appropriate safeguarding standards are maintained at all times.

Separate sleeping arrangements must be provided for under-18s and adults unless family arrangements

apply.

No alcohol is permitted within youth accommodation areas.

6. Referee Wellbeing & Safeguarding

The Edinburgh International Cup recognises that some referees may be under the age of 18 or young adults attending the event independently for the first time.

All referees under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an appointed adult throughout the event and within accommodation settings.

Under-18 referees will not share rooms with adults over the age of 18 unless they are their appointed responsible adult or immediate family member.

All referees under 21 will have access to support from the Referee Coordinator and Event Safeguarding Team throughout the event.

7. Photography & Media

Only accredited photographers and media representatives may capture official event content.

Parental consent is required for the use of children's images.

Unauthorised filming or close-up photography of children is not permitted.

8. Reporting Concerns

If you have any safeguarding or wellbeing concerns during the event:

1. Ensure the individual is safe.
2. Report the concern immediately to the Venue Safeguarding Lead or Event Safeguarding Officer.
3. Complete the Edinburgh International Cup Safeguarding Concern Form.
4. In emergencies, contact Police Scotland on 999.

9. Key Contacts

Event Safeguarding Officer: [Insert Name / Contact]

Referee Coordinator: [Insert Name / Contact]

Police Scotland (Non-Emergency): 101

Childline: 0800 1111