Child Safeguarding Policy

Ulverstone Soccer Club is providing clear process for reporting any Inappropriate Conduct which may occur in our sport.

This includes Emotional or psychological harm, Significant neglect, Physical violence, Sexual offence and or misconduct, Grooming and other behavioural expectations outlined in Football Australia's Code of Conduct, FA - National Code of Conduct & Ethics and the Child and Youth Safe Organisations Framework – this was established under the Child and Youth Safe Organisations Act

More information: Introducing Tasmania's Child and Youth Safe Organisations Framework (2023) (justice.tas.gov.au)

These behaviours will NOT be tolerated at the Ulverstone Soccer Club. This includes Home or Away matches, School Soccer, Tournaments, training or any events involving our club.

USC are required to report any case of child abuse to the Independent Regulator within 3 days of you becoming aware in writing to the office of the independent regulator. Report a concern | Office of the Independent Regulator (oir.tas.gov.au)

USC are required to provide an update within 30 days
USC are required to provide outcomes at the conclusion of an investigation

If you encounter/witness unacceptable behaviour, please follow the steps below to raise this and enable it to be addressed accordingly.

If a Club Official witnesses the unacceptable behaviour.
The Club Official is within their right to ask the ledged person/persons to leave the grounds. Failure to do so, Club Official to seek assistance from Club Co-ordinator/Club Committee. Club is within their right to seek Police assistance.

Step 1 Speak to the Child Safety Office / Junior Liaison Officers / Club President.
Step 2 Complete the Child Safeguarding Policy Report
(Reportable Conduct – 3 Day Notification | Office of the Independent Regulator (oir.tas.gov.au))
Step 3 Committee to seek advice from OIR (Office of the Independent Regulator)
Step 4 Committee to complete 30 Day Report
Step 5 Committee to complete Final Report

If there is an emergency, or you or someone else is in danger, then call Triple Zero (000) immediately. If a person's conduct is considered criminal, contact Tasmania Police on 131 444.

Seeking Help in Tasmania:

- For information about child wellbeing and safety, contact Strong Families, Safe Kids Advice and Referral Line:
  - Phone: 1800 000 123
- For free and confidential support for people who have been affected by sexual violence, contact the Tasmanian Sexual Assault Support Line (24 hour response state-wide):
  - Phone: 1800 697 877
  - This line is run by the Sexual Assault Support Service in the South, and Laurel House in the North West.

- For information and support for children, young people and adults affected by family violence, contact Family Violence Counselling and Support Service:
  - Phone: 1800 608 122
- For free and confidential support for people impacted by crime, contact Victims of Crime Service:
  - Phone: 1300 300 238
- For support for relationships and to live positive lives, contact Relationships Australia Tasmania:
  - Phone: 1300 364 277
- For culturally appropriate, trauma-informed legal and non-legal services and assistance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander victims/survivors of family violence and sexual assault, contact SIS.
  - Phone: 1800 747 827

For spectators needing assistance: -

Beyond Blue, https://www.beyondblue.org.au/, 1300 22 4636

Relationship Australia, https://staychatty.com.au/, 1300 364 277