



THE FOOTBALL
ASSOCIATION

SOUTHSIDE FOOTBALL CLUB

Est. 1994

Incorporating Southside FC, Southside (Youth) FC,
Southside Athletic (Youth) FC, Southside Wildcats (Youth) FC
and Southside Ladies



CHARTER STANDARD
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SOUTHSIDE FC - CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

Southside FC acknowledges its responsibility to safeguard the welfare of every child and young person who has been entrusted to its care and is committed to working to provide a safe environment for all members to participate in the sport to the best of their abilities for as long they chose to do so. A child or young person is anyone under the age of 18 engaged in any club football activity. We subscribe to the [Football Association's child protection and best practice policy and procedures](#) and endorse and adopt the policy statement contained in that document.

KEY PRINCIPLES OF THE CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

- ❑ 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 organisations, children and young people and their parents and carers is essential

Southside FC acknowledge that every child or young person who plays or participates in football should be able to take part in an enjoyable and safe environment and be protected from abuse. Southside FC recognizes that this is the responsibility of every adult involved in our club.

Southside FC 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 the Football Association's child protection regulation (see the [FA Handbook](#)) applies to everyone in football whether in a paid or voluntary capacity. This includes those who are a volunteer, match official, helper on club tours, football coach, club official or medical staff.

THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION'S WHISTLE BLOWING POLICY

Southside FC supports the Football Association's whistle blowing policy. Any adult or young person with concerns about a colleague can 'whistle blow' by contacting the FA Child Protection Manager on 0207 745 4771, by writing to the FA Case Manager at the Football Association, 25 Soho Square, London W1D 4FA or by going direct to the police, social services or the NSPCC. Southside FC encourages everyone to know about it and utilise it if necessary.

SOUTHSIDE FC - CHILD WELFARE OFFICER

Southside FC has appointed a Club Welfare Officer – Tony Rastelli. He is the first point of contact for all club members and parents or guardians regarding concerns for the welfare of any child or young person. He liaises directly with Gloucestershire FA Child Protection Officer and is familiar with the procedures for referring any concerns.

Southside FC has implemented codes of conduct for players, parents and spectators, officials and coaches. In order to validate these codes of conduct the club has clear sanctions to deal with any misconduct. Poor practice is unacceptable in Southside Football Club and appropriate actions will be taken.

IF YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS RELATING TO CHILD ABUSE/POOR PRACTICE THEN PLEASE CONTACT THE FOLLOWING IN STRICT CONFIDENCE

**SOUTHSIDE FC CHILD
WELFARE OFFICER:**
Tony Rastelli
01242 257212 or 0794 7053311

Help for children and
young adults



Help for adults
NSPCC
CHILD PROTECTION
HELPLINE
0808 800 5000

Cruelty to children must stop. FULL STOP **NSPCC**