Bridport Rugby Football Club

Safeguarding Briefing to Club Committee

Monday 14th December 2020

Dorset & Wilts RFU (CB) Safeguarding Briefing 1st December 2020

The key messages from the D&W briefing are:

1. Safeguarding training from D&W is still not available. Advice remains to follow the rugby road map.
2. D&W reiterate the importance to be up to date with Safeguarding. Reference is made for coaches, managers, and officers to complete the online Safeguarding module referred to in D&W previous bulletin. This reminder is repeated in the RFU November bulletin.
   1. Committee briefed regarding this on 12th October and supported with information to access and hyperlink. Committee meeting on 9th November confirmed nil completed to date under AOB.
   2. GMS indicates nil completed on 11th December

The online module is beyond basic and genuinely takes no more than 10 to 15 minutes to complete. As officers of the club, we share a corporate responsibility to demonstrate due diligence, in this respect towards safeguarding. Each time we fall short, especially when we have been alerted to a requirement by the RFU, CB, or our internal processes we cease to have a reasonable defense.

**Due diligence:** reasonable steps taken by a person (or corporate body) to avoid committing a tort (tort is a wrong in civil law and often requires a fine to remedy) or offence.

1. Headcase training module – can the committee report the how many relevant coaches are outstanding on this training. It is a requirement prior to the Play It Safe course.
2. Safeguarding self-audit – we have submitted and are therefore compliant.
3. 17-year-old playing adult rugby – a reiteration that approval is required before they train or play in the adult game. Committee reported no 17-year-old playing up at October meeting.
4. Behaviour – a reminder about the rules of R4R and the two-touch rule. Some clubs were using it as an opportunity to have more contact in a game.
5. DBS – process continues as normal. A reminder that it is now a requirement that the person must have completed the initial safeguarding awareness course online before starting the DBS process. Reported to committee at October meeting.
6. Safer Recruitment Policy – D&W report that many clubs are not following this policy. Committee is briefed on this and has adopted the RFU application form and process.

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1. Rugby activity – A reminder that all on-going or future rugby activity must be in line with RFU Regulations (15 and 21 specifically), RFU Safeguarding Policy, Covid-19 restrictions and the RFU Rugby Road Map.
2. DBS processing – The RFU are reminding us of the need to carry out ID checks in accordance with guidance.
3. Mental Health Advice – The RFU have highlighted a number of organisations that can support individuals who are experiencing difficulties.

**Safeguarding Concerns, club specific**

None reported

DBS update from Charlie

Email sent