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Welfare Guidance



Officials

When refereeing young players

Officials should:

- Understand the importance of fun and enjoyment for young players
- Appreciate the needs of players
- Be a positive role model
- Recognise that safety is paramount
- Never tolerate verbal abuse
- Explain decisions as young players are still learning
- Be familiar with the Volleyball England child protection policy and guidelines document.
- Report any behaviour by adults or other young people that they believe is in conflict with the Volleyball England Child Protection Policy
- Remember that the welfare of young people is paramount.

Officials should not:

- Change in the same area as young players
- Shower with young players (it is best to agree a timetable with the coaches if separate facilities are not available)
- Be alone with young players at any time
- Administer first aid unless appropriately qualified
- Allow a young player to continue playing if there are doubts about their fitness
- Tolerate bad language
- Engage in any inappropriate contact with young players
- Provide transport for a young player unless there are other people present in the car and the parents are aware
- Take a young player to their home
- Overtly criticise young players or use language which may cause the player to lose self-esteem
- Make sexually explicit remarks to young players

Who can I contact if I have questions or concerns?

Child Protection in Sport Unit

www.thecpsu.org.uk

The National Society of Prevention of Cruelty to Children

www.nspcc.org.uk

Criminal Records Bureau

www.crb.gov.uk

Every Child Matters

www.everychildmatters.gov.uk

CHILDREN 1ST

www.children1st.org.uk