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St Cuthbert Wanderers FC:

General Risk Assessment Policy

1. Policy Statement & Objectives

St Cuthbert Wanderers FC is committed to providing a safe environment for all players, coaches, volunteers, spectators, and visitors. This policy details the systematic process used to identify hazards, mitigate risks, and ensure compliance with statutory sports provisions.

The primary objectives are to:

- **Minimize injuries during training sessions, home fixtures, and travel.**
- **Maintain secure premises and playing surfaces at the club's grounds.**
- **Protect vulnerable individuals through robust safeguarding risk mitigation.**

2.The 5 Steps to Risk Assessment

In accordance with standard health and safety practices, the club implements a 5-stepassessment methodology for all club operations:

1. **Identify Hazards: Inspecting playing fields, structures, equipment, and coaching environments.**
2. **Determine Who Might Be Harmed: Assessing risks to players, coaches, match officials, volunteers, or spectators.**
3. **Evaluate and Control Risks: Deciding if existing precautions are sufficient or require upgraded measures.**
4. **Record Findings: Documenting all designated risks and written action plans into the official club log.**
5. **Review Controls: Re-evaluating risk logs annually or directly following a significant facility change or injury incident.**

3. Core Operational Risk Matrix

The club manages several operational categories. Below are the specific control guidelines enforced across club environments:

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A. Pitch & Facility Maintenance

- **Pre-Pitch Inspection: Coaches must inspect the playing surface prior to any session. Debris, broken glass, animal waste, or waterlogging must be cleared or managed**
- **Goalpost Safety: Match-day and training goalposts must be systematically checked for structural integrity. Temporary or portable goals** must be securely anchored **using heavy weights or ground pegs to prevent tipping**.

- **Boundaries & Public Areas: Fencing and walkway boundaries must be checked to ensure clear separation from public thoroughfares or nearby vehicular traffic.**

B. Equipment & Player Safety

- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE): **All youth and adult players are required to wear mandated protective gear, including proper shin guards and appropriate football boots, during all active play.**
- **First Aid Provisions: A fully stocked first-aid kit and a working mobile phone must be accessible pitch-side during all club activities. At least one certified first-aider must be present.**
- Weather & Environment: **Severe weather, including lightning, heavy ice, or extreme heat, requires an immediate evaluation by the lead coach to alter or cancel the session**
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B. Safeguarding & Welfare

- Supervision Ratios: **Staffing-to-player ratios must follow strict age-group standards set by the Scottish FA Welfare Guidelines.**
- Safe Environments: **Coaches and volunteers must avoid unobserved or private 1-on-1 situations with minor players.**
- Vetting (PVG): **All staff, personnel, and volunteers engaging in regulated work with minors must undergo mandatory Disclosure Scotland / Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG) vetting checks prior to assignment.**

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4. Emergency Action Plan (EAP)

- **Every team and ground official must understand the SFA Emergency Operating Procedures:**

Step	Action Required	Responsible Person
1	Stop play immediately and safely secure the surrounding area.	Match Coach / Referee
2	Assess the injured party; execute first-aid if trained, but do not move individuals with suspected head, neck, or spinal trauma.	Designated First Aider
3	Dial 999 or 111 for emergency services if a serious injury occurs, clearly stating the pitch entry address.	Any Club Official
4	Coordinate parental or emergency contact notification for minor players.	Club Welfare Officer
5	Formally record the event in the club Accident Report Book within 24 hours.	Lead Coach on Scene

5. Policy Governance & Review

This policy is a living document monitored by the club's designated Health and Safety Officer and Child Wellbeing and Protection Officer (CWPO). It undergoes formal ratification by the executive committee every 12 months to remain aligned with evolving sports safety legislation.

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