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***Safeguarding Commitment Statement for <insert your club name here>***

**BAFA club ID number: <insert here>  
Registered club address <insert here>**

As an affiliated club we understand the requirement to follow the rules and regulations of the British American Football Association and agree to the following conditions in regards to our obligation to safeguard children and adults at risk.

1. We will ensure that a child or adult at risk’s welfare is and must be the paramount consideration
2. All individuals aged 17 and under or those over 18 who are recognised as at risk have the right to be protected from abuse
3. All complaints and allegations will be investigated and acted upon swiftly and appropriately by the club and its designated safeguarding lead / welfare officer
4. We will undertake to ensure any safeguarding concerns are escalated to BAFA’s Safeguarding team using the MyConcern reporting tool
5. We understand that failure to report or record safeguarding concerns relating to children or adults at risk could result in further harm to the individual and investigation by BAFA of how we have managed the concerns and risks
6. We will ensure that our designated safeguarding lead / welfare officer contact details are made available to all participants/volunteers.
7. We will ensure that all individuals who operate in regulated activity (in one of the defined roles detailed below) as set out in the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 will have an up to date (no more than three years from date of issue) BAFA accepted DBS Check which also checks the child / adult barred list. For clubs in Scotland this should be a PVG check provided through Disclosure Scotland.
8. We will make sure that we name our designated safeguarding lead / welfare officer and appropriate club and team management contacts to BAFA via the JustGo registration system. We understand as a member club it is our responsibility to share any changes to role holders with BAFA in a timely manner.

Signed\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Position within club\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Guidance notes**

**What do we mean by regulated activity?**

The list below identifies club roles that require an accepted BAFA DBS/PVG check if working with children or adults at risk:

* Designated safeguarding lead / welfare officer
* Team Manager / General Manager
* Coaches
* First Aiders / Therapist
* Any club officer or anyone else in another role who direct contact with children or adults at risk on a regular basis

Please note - this list is not all encompassing is intended to act as a guide. The Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 sets out that regulated activity is simply anyone who is **teaching, training, instructing, coaching or caring for or supervising children** working or adults at risk within the club **more than three times in a 30-day period.**

**Recording those undertaking regulated activity**

A list of those undertaking regulated activity within the club should be recorded and updated annually in line with BAFA’s membership cycle.