

Leek Rugby Football Club

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HEALTH & SAFETY POLICY STATEMENT

LEEK RUFC has a statutory responsibility as an employer as defined by the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974. It is run by unpaid volunteers with the help of some part-time staff. It aims to provide a safe environment for all those using the club as the health, well-being and safety of each individual is always our paramount concern.

There are two types of risk when playing rugby union:

- Inherent risks which are part and parcel of the game. They are inevitable and acceptable, resulting from a player's decision to participate in a contact sport
- Unacceptable risks which are those not inherent to the sport. All those who are involved on rugby union at **LEEK RUFC** whether they are players, coaches, referees, parents etc. must be able to recognise and understand their legal responsibilities and all players must also recognise their responsibilities to safeguard the well-being of those with whom they are playing/training

Accepting that not all injuries can be avoided, the aim of **LEEK RUFC** is to maintain the highest reduction of injury possible and to eliminate unacceptable risks at the club.

LEEK RUFC is committed to the following duties:

- Undertake regular, recorded risk assessment of the club premises and all activities undertaken by the club
- Create a safe environment by putting health & safety measures in place as identified by the assessment
- Ensure that all members are aware of, understand and follow the club's health & safety policy
- Appoint a competent club member to assist with health & safety responsibilities
- Ensure that normal operating procedures and emergency operating procedures are in place and known by all members
- Provide access to adequate first aid facilities, telephone and qualified first aider at all times
- Report any injuries or accidents sustained during any club activity or whilst on the club premises
- Ensure that the implementation of the policy is reviewed regularly and monitored for effectiveness

CLUB MEMBERS HAVE A DUTY TO:

- Take reasonable care for your own health & safety and that of others who may be affected by what you do or not do
- Co-operate with the club on health & safety issues
- Correctly use all equipment provided by the club
- Not interfere with or misuse anything provided for your health, safety or welfare

SPECIFIC HEALTH & SAFETY ISSUES TO BE ADHERED TO:

- Smoking is not permitted in the clubhouse. If smoking outside please dispose of all cigarettes in one of the metal bins provided
- Only plastic glasses are to be taken out to the playing areas
- Only dogs on leads are welcome at the club – owners are responsible to clean up any dog mess.
- Players must ensure that any boots and kit bags left outside doorways do not obstruct the entrance/exits

CLUB HEALTH & SAFETY OFFICER:

Committee