TIBS FC
Health & Safety Policy

TIBS FC is a voluntary organisation operated entirely by volunteer team of managers / coaches and a volunteer management committee. As a club our policy is that every child or young person who plays or participates in football through our club should be able to do so in an enjoyable and healthy and safe manner.
We provide clear instructions and information and appropriate training to ensure our volunteers are appropriately qualified and competent as required by both the County and National Football Association.
In conjunction with this we follow all Football Association policies and procedures for **Safeguarding Children**. Children come first and their Health Safety and Wellbeing is our primary concern, above and beyond the game of Football itself.

TIBS FC - Procedures for Health and Safety

The Manager/Coach being demonstrably 'competent' is our main Health and Safety control measure. The specified Manager/Coach is the responsible person for their 'Age Group Team' and this person has a duty to ensure that they personally are 'in date for both FA Emergency Aid and FA Safeguarding Children. They also **MUST** hold an **'in-date', FA Accepted DBS** together with a minimum level 1 coaching certificate. The following guidelines should all be carried out by all Managers and Coaches:-

1. **Equipment**
   - All players must wear shin guards / pads.
   - Is the ball safe (i.e. not damaged?)
   - All equipment must be used in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.
   - Player's boots and the 'blades' or 'studs' on them should be checked regularly for safety.
   - All items of jewelry (necklaces, rings, bracelets, earrings, leather bands, rubber bands, etc.) are strictly forbidden and must be removed. Using tape to cover jewelry is not acceptable.
2. **Playing and Training Venue**
   - Check the pitch, sports hall, all weather surface or field for any obstacle, item or
   - implement which may cause harm or discomfort to any player, official or spectator.
   - Check the goal posts for security and safety
   - Check that the corner flags and 'Respect' barriers are used correctly in matches.
   - Check changing facilities for security and safety.
3. **Risk Assessment**
   - By doing the checks in 1&2 above you are carrying out a dynamic risk assessment on all matches and venues used. Ensure that all 'control' measures to reduce both/or either the severity and probability of harm from any hazard occurring are put in place and checked. If anything is unsafe and cannot be made safe, then the match ortraining session should not take place.
4. **First Aid**
   - Make sure a qualified first aider is at all training and match venues with a suitable first aid kit.
   - Also, please ensure you have copies of TIBS Accident Report Forms, TIBS Head Injury Form
   - Card, Pocket 'CONCUSSION RECOGNITION TOOL' and your own Team's completed

- 'FA Medical Emergency Action Plan' in the bag with the first aid kit.
- An emergency phone should be available.

Contact Details

- Ensure you have a copy of Emergency contact details and medical information either in digital format or paper copy for all players.

Goal Post Safety

The FA's guidelines for the safe use of goalposts state as follows:-

- For safety reasons goalposts of any size (including those which are portable and not installed permanently at a pitch or practice field) must always be anchored securely to the ground
- Portable goalposts must be secured as per the manufacturer's instructions
- Under no circumstances should children or adults be allowed to climb on, swing or play with the structure of the goalposts
- Regular inspections of goalposts must be carried out to check that they are properly maintained
- Portable goalposts should not be left in place after use. They should be dismantled and removed to a place of secure storage
- Nets should only be secured by plastic hooks, net grips or tape and not by metal cup hooks.

7 Pitch Inspections

- Extreme weather conditions such as heavy snow, severe frost, water logging with puddles of standing water and/ or areas of sinking mud/ turf will result in matches being postponed. In this case, Leagues and opponents being advised of this as soon as possible and practical to do so.The health and safety of the players must come first. The committee team managers referees or site supervisors of school pitches will carry out pitch inspections and inform referees parents players and opposition as soon as is practical.

8 Parental Responsibility

- Children remain the responsibility of their parents /legal guardians at all times during football training, matches and other TIBS FC activities and when arriving and departing at them. TIBS FC does provide all reasonable safeguards in terms of Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks (CRC checks), First aid qualified volunteers and a club Child Welfare officer and acts as advised by The North Riding County Football Association and The Football Association in the conduct of its activities and affairs. As a club of volunteers, our volunteers do have a Duty of care for the children in our membership but this does not extend to the level of that of teachers or registered childminders and as such parents/legal guardians are advised against dropping their younger age group children off and leaving the site during football training, matches and other TIBS FC activities. Should parents/legal guardians make any arrangements with other adults concerning their child and supervision and transportation for TIBS FC activities then this is at their own responsibility in their own legal capacity and not the responsibility of TIBS FC.