



**Safeguarding  
Commitment  
Statement**

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As an affiliated member of BAFA (British American Football Association). It is a requirement to follow the rules and regulations of the Association.

**Doncaster Mustangs** currently operate within the “**Adult Contact**” provision on the sport, which has a minimum age group of 18+-year-olds. This operational age group limits the contact with those defined as “children”.

However, **Doncaster Mustangs** recognise that throughout the operation of the club, those members of the club could have potential contact with both “Children and vulnerable adults”. Therefore, the club’s safeguarding policy defines the controls in place to ensure the welfare of children/vulnerable adults within our training, game and club environments and those who encounter our organisation.

On becoming an affiliated member we agree to the following conditions in regards to how we as a member club meet our obligation to safeguard children:

1. We as a member club ensure that the child’s welfare is, and must be the paramount consideration
2. All individuals aged 17 and under have the right to be protected from abuse.
3. All complaints and allegations will be investigated and acted upon swiftly and appropriately.
4. We as a member club ensure that all individuals who operate in regulated activity (Defined roles below) set out in the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 have an up to date (no more than 3 years from date of issue) BAFA accepted DBS Check, which also checks the child barred list.
5. We as a member club ensure that we name all Team Officials to the Association. As a member club, it is our responsibility to share any changes of team officials with the Association in a timely manner.

Signed

Dated

Name

Position



## Regulated Activity – Roles Identified

*This list is not all incorporating and is designed as a guide. The Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 sets out that regulated activity is simply, anyone who is teaching/training/instructing/coaching/caring for or supervising children working in any one of these specified places more than three times in a 30-day period.*

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**Doncaster Mustangs** identifies below list of specific roles, which do not have contact with children/vulnerable adults more than three times in a 30-day period.

- **General Manager** – Mark Blyth
- **Team Coaches** –
  - Paul Coley- Head Coach
  - Gavin Lyons – Offensive Co-ordinator
  - Craig Jones – Defensive Co-ordinator
  - Jon Green – Wide Receivers Coach
  - Elizabeth Bush – Special Teams Coach/Qualified BAFRA Official
  - Thomas Burton –Offensive Line Coach (Holds DBS)
  - Rob Mills – Defence secondary Coach
  - Ryan Bagnall – Assistant Coach
- **Club’s Designated Safeguarding Officer** – Thomas Burton (Holds DBS)
- **First Aiders** – Craig Jones, Ryan Bagnell, Jon Green and Rob Mills
- **Anyone who has direct contact with Under 18’s on a regular basis.** – Not applicable in current operation. (Adult Contact only)

If required by BAFA **Doncaster Mustangs**, will request DBS/PVG checks. As the operation is “**adult contact**” only. This is not required by BAFA.

## Name Safeguarding Officers.

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