



RFU SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION

FRFC live links and September 2026 regulatory update

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Important change

The earlier 2022 RFU policy has been replaced by the RFU Safeguarding Children Policy

Essential live links

Resource	Live address
Report a safeguarding concern	https://www.englandrugby.com/run/safeguarding/sharing-concerns
RFU Regulation 21 - Safeguarding	https://www.englandrugby.com/run/rules-governance/rfu-rules-and-regulations/regulation-21-safeguarding
RFU Safeguarding Children Policy 2026	https://rfu.widen.net/s/wm7jji996p/england-rugby-safeguarding-policy-2026-final
RFU model club safeguarding policy	https://rfu.widen.net/s/mlzz8qgtig/rfu_model_club_safeguarding_policy_template-vjuly
RFU safeguarding hub and current Handbook	https://www.englandrugby.com/run/safeguarding
England Rugby Learning information	https://help.rfu.com/support/solutions/articles/103000402618-england-rugby-learning-our-new-course-resource-platform
Annual Club Safeguarding Audit help	https://help.rfu.com/support/solutions/articles/103000064031-how-do-i-complete-the-club-safeguarding-audit-
RFU Regulation 15 - Age Grade Rugby	https://www.englandrugby.com/run/rules-governance/rfu-rules-and-regulations/regulation-15-age-grade-rugby
NSPCC Sport - formerly CPSU	https://sport.nspcc.org.uk/
Age Grade Playing Calendar	https://www.englandrugby.com/participation/coaching/age-grade-rugby/playing-calendar
Playing out of age grade and activity approval forms	https://www.englandrugby.com/run/rules-governance/rfu-rules-and-regulations/regulation-15-age-grade-rugby

FRFC will over the 2026 Season:

- Submit every safeguarding concern through the designated RFU webform. Failing to pass on a concern, or discouraging a report, breaches Regulation 21.
- Ensure every person aged 16 or over in a regulated or other eligible role applies for an RFU DBS within four weeks of starting. Maintain status through the Update Service or renew every three years.
- Closely and proactively supervise anyone awaiting clearance; stop that arrangement immediately if safeguarding information is returned on the certificate.
- Review DBS eligibility before 1 September 2026, when the Crime and Policing Act 2026 removes the supervision exemption from regulated activity.
- Complete the Annual Club Safeguarding Audit in the GMS questionnaire tab by Sunday 25 October 2026.
- Register for and use England Rugby Learning for current safeguarding education and resources.
- Register age-grade players annually on GMS within the Regulation 15 45-day deadline.
- Check age-grade activity against the Playing Calendar and obtain required playing-out-of-age-grade, tour, camp, festival or competition approvals in advance. Adults must not join contact training with age-grade players.

FRFC safeguarding contact

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Immediate danger: call 999.