



Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment Child Safeguarding Statement

The **PGYSA IMPACT** is a Youth Soccer Club providing soccer training and matches to female and male players between the ages of 3-18.

In accordance with the requirements of the:

- https://www.canadasoccer.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/CSA_Code_of_Conduct_and_Ethics_FINAL_22.09.17_EN.pdf
- https://www.canadasoccer.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/20200101_CanadaSoccer_DisciplinaryCode_EN.pdf
- https://www.canadasoccer.com/wp-content/uploads/resources/About/EN/CS_Whistleblower_Policy_02_05_18_EN.pdf?file=pdffilename
- <https://www.protectchildren.ca/en/programs-and-initiatives/commit-to-kids/>
- https://canadasoccer.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/20210412_GuidetoAccessibilityandInclusion_EN.pdf
- https://canadasoccer.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/CanadaSoccer_RuleOfTwo_EN.pdf
- https://canadasoccer.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/CanadaSoccer_Guide_Safety_EN.pdf
- <https://coach.ca/nccp-make-ethical-decisions>
- <https://bcsoccercoach.respectgroupinc.com/>
- <https://coach.ca/making-head-way-concussion-elearning-series>

the Board and Management of PGYSA IMPACT have agreed to the Child Safeguarding Statement set out in this document.

- The PGYSA IMPACT Board and Management has adopted and will implement fully and without modification the appropriate Child Protection Procedures at our Soccer Club, as part of our overall Child Safeguarding plan and strategy.
- The Designated Liaison Person (DLP) is:
 - Heidi Robinson
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- The Deputy Designated Liaison Person (Deputy DLP) is:
 - Tanya Wyers
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 - Terrol Russell
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The Club Board and Management recognizes that child protection and welfare considerations permeate all aspects of our Club operations, policies, procedures, practices, and activities. In its policies, procedures, practices, and activities, our Club will adhere to all child protection and welfare best practices:

- Fully comply with all relevant legislation relating to the protection and welfare of children
- Fully co-operate with the relevant statutory authorities in relation to child protection and welfare matters
- Adopt safe practices to minimize the possibility of harm or accidents happening to children and protect workers from the necessity to take unnecessary risks that may leave themselves open to accusations of abuse or neglect
- Develop a practice of openness with parents and encourage parental involvement in the education of their children
- Fully respect confidentiality requirements in dealing with child protection matters

The Club will also adhere to the above principles in relation to any adult pupil with a special vulnerability.

The following procedures/measures are in place:

- In relation to any member of staff who is the subject of any investigation (howsoever described) in respect of any act, omission, or circumstance in respect of a child member of the Club, the Club adheres to the relevant procedures set out in the Commit to Kids resource guide that is part of the Canadian Centre for Child Protection.
- In relation to the selection or recruitment of Part Time or Full Time staff and their suitability to work with children, our Club mandates:



- Clean Criminal Record and Vulnerable Sector checks to be provided to the Club upon registration with the Club and every two years thereafter
 - Completion of Making Ethical Decisions / Respect in Sport / Making Headway / Commit to Kids / Safe Sport
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- In relation to the provision of information and, where necessary, instruction and training, to staff in respect of the identification and reporting of an occurrence of harm, Club Board, Staff, and members will be provided with:
 - A copy of our Club’s Child Safeguarding Statement
 - All relevant and updated training for staff is encouraged
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 - The Club Management maintains records of all staff and Board member training
 - Within our Club the abovenamed DLP has been named as the “relevant person” that is the first point of contact in respect of the PGYSA IMPACT child safeguarding statement
 - All Club staff coaches are mandated to ensure they are aware of the PGYSA IMPACT child safeguarding statement
 - In accordance with the PGYSA IMPACT child safeguarding statement, the Club Board and Management has carried out an assessment of any potential for harm to a child while attending Club activities. A written assessment setting out the areas of risk identified and the Club’s procedures for managing those risks is included with the Child Safeguarding Statement
 - The various procedures referred to in this Statement can be accessed via our Club website (pgysa.bc.ca)

Note: The above is not intended as an exhaustive list. Individual Boards of Management shall also include in this section such other procedures/measures that are of relevance to the Club in question.

- This statement has been published on our Club website and has been provided to all Club Board, Staff, registered members, and their parent(s)/guardian(s)
- This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed annually or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which this statement refers

This Child Safeguarding Statement was adopted by the Board of Management on _____ [date].

This Child Safeguarding Statement was reviewed by the Board of Management on _____ [most recent review date].

Signed: _____

Signed: _____

Board President

Club Director

Date: _____

Date: _____

