



Dudley Kingswinford Rugby Football Club



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Taking Children on Tour - An Overview

It has become increasingly obvious in recent years that voluntary workers are being held more accountable for their actions in terms of the responsibility they take on.

It is an unfortunate aspect of our society that every year an increasing number of law suits and litigations are being brought against companies, professionals and individuals who provide opportunities for youngsters, in some cases, on a voluntary basis. It is also right however, that parents / carer should expect a high level of care and attention in the organisation and running of trips involving their children. We fully accept that by producing this pack it might be seen as a criticism of past trips, this cannot be further from the truth. We have all been involved in trips and tours before and we know how much effort and time is put into organisation and the care and consideration given to the safety of the children placed in our care. It is felt however, that a measure of protection is required, not only for the participants but also for the organisers. To this end we have produced a Tour Pack, it seeks to:

- Help and assist in the organisation of a trip
- Define the role of the Party Leader in terms of organisational responsibilities
- A measure of the responsibility belongs to the Club and not entirely on the shoulders of the organisers.
- In the event of a serious problem occurring during the trip procedures must be in place to guarantee that it will be dealt with as quickly and efficiently as possible
- In the event of litigation being brought against the organisers / Club it will provide evidence of thoughtful organisation
- These procedures are based on those approved by Local Authorities and the DfE and RFU
- Players are covered under the RFU insurance policy for travel to and from a destination and whilst playing. There is no insurance however for other activities and free time during the trip. All approved trips should carry suitable insurance cover (including medical) for all eventualities.

We do not want to stop trips / tours; in fact, we strongly believe that they are an important part of the 'Rugby' experience. This pack is to; hopefully, help provide peace of mind to parents / guardians, participants and organisers of trips in terms of the organisation and safety of trips.

If you are thinking about going on tour, then your first action must be to talk to the Chairperson of the Youth Section. You will then be sent the tour pack. When filling in the tour pack it is essential that you liaise with the Safeguarding Officer.

If you are thinking of crossing borders, to another home nation or further afield, there are a number of other prerequisites that must be completed before the tour can go ahead.



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