



Suspicion of child abuse is reported to Law Enforcement policy

Purpose:

This policy aims to protect the safety and well-being of youth soccer players registered with Edmonton Juventus by requiring that any suspicion of child abuse be reported to the appropriate Law Enforcement agency.

Scope:

This policy applies to all individuals involved with Edmonton Juventus, including but not limited to coaches, referees, volunteers, and administrators.

Policy Statement:

All individuals involved with Edmonton Juventus have a legal and ethical responsibility to report any suspicion of child abuse to law enforcement.

Definition of Child Abuse:

Child abuse includes any act or failure to act by a parent, caregiver, or another person that results in harm, potential harm, or threat of harm to a child. This may include physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, neglect, or exploitation.

Reporting Procedures:

If any individual involved with Edmonton Juventus has reason to believe that a child is being abused, or has been abused, they must immediately report their suspicion to the appropriate Law Enforcement agency.

In addition, the individual must also report their suspicion to the Edmonton Juventus President and Board of Directors, who will then conduct their own investigation and take appropriate action. The individual making the report must cooperate fully with any investigations conducted by Law Enforcement or the Youth Soccer Association.

Retaliation:

Retaliation against any individual who makes a report of suspected child abuse is strictly prohibited. Any individual found to be engaging in retaliation will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including suspension or termination of their involvement with Edmonton Juventus.

Conclusion:

By following this policy, we can ensure that all individuals involved in Edmonton Juventus are aware of their legal and ethical obligations to report any suspicion of child abuse to law enforcement. By working together, we can create a safe and positive environment for all youth soccer players.