



## Session Coaching Requirements

### **What qualifications are required for a coach at any age group**

All coaches, regardless of age group, should hold or be working towards a level 1 qualification in association with the FA

### **Which FA checks must be completed for any adult working directly with players or children involved with the club**

All adults who are in a position of influence or have direct individual contact with players or children at the club must have a DBS check completed. They must also have completed the Safeguarding children course on the FA website

### **What checks must be completed for adults who volunteer but who don't have direct contact or influence on players or children at the club?**

Adults or parents volunteering at the club and who do not have direct influence on players (i.e coaching/welfare) are not required to have any official FA checks. Volunteer roles include things like helping to set up for matches, linesperson duties, refereeing and helping with refreshments for games. Coaches at each age group are actively involved in vetting volunteers

### **How many coaches should be present at practice or matches**

Although it is preferable to have 2 coaches present, there should be at least 1 coach present at any practice or matches

### **How many adults should be present at practice or matches**

There should be at least 2 adults present who have completed online safeguarding courses present at any practice or match. This is to ensure the safety and welfare of all players attending

### **How many first aiders should be present at practice or matches**

There should be at least 1 qualified first aider at any practice or match.

### **Can I leave my child alone at practice or matches?**

While there is no official guidance on this, as a club we believe that both players and parents benefit massively from being involved together at both practices and matches. As a club we would kindly request that no players under the age of 11 are left alone at practice or matches. If there is a requirement to do so please ensure that you have nominated another responsible adult and informed the coach.