Three Counties Ability Counts League Equality Policy

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Every Football League is responsible for promoting standards and values to apply throughout all participating clubs and teams at every level. Football belongs to and should be enjoyed by anyone who wants to participate in it.

The League, in all its activities, will not discriminate or, in any way treat anyone less favourably, on grounds of age, gender, gender reassignment, sexual orientation, marital status, race, nationality, ethnic origin, colour, religion or belief, ability or disability.

The League will ensure it treats people fairly and with respect and that it will provide access and opportunities for all members of the community to take part in and enjoy its activities.

We will not tolerate harassment, bullying, abuse or victimisation of an individual, which for the purposes of this policy and the actions and sanction applicable is regarded as discrimination. This includes sexual or racially based harassment or other discrimatory behaviour, whether physical or verbal.

The League will work to ensure that such behaviour is met with appropriate action in whatever context it occurs. This policy is fully supported by the League Officers who are responsible for the implementation of this policy.

The League Committee (We) is committed to taking positive action where inequalities exist and to the development of a programme of ongoing training and awareness raising events and activities in order to promote the eradication of discrimination and promote equality in football.

We are committed to a policy of equal treatment of all registered members and requires all members to abide and adhere to these policies and the requirements of the Equality Act 2010.

We commit to the immediate investigation of any claims, when brought to our attention, of discrimination on the above grounds and where such is found to be the case, to require that the practice stop and sanctions are imposed as appropriate.

OUR COMMITMENT is to confront and eliminate discrimination whether by reason of age, gender, gender reassignment, sexual orientation, marital status, race, nationality, ethnic origin, colour, religion or belief, ability or disability and to encourage equal opportunities.