

# **Ruth McGahan GJFC H&S Officer report season 2021/ 2022**

## **1. Introduction**

My first season as Health and Safety Officer has been a rewarding and interesting one. My predecessor Simon Bell had left the role in a good position, and I would like to thank the Management Committee, Managers, Coaches and other members of the football club for their support, which has made everything more straightforward and enjoyable. I'm looking forward to another season in the role, the approval of the AGM permitting.

## **2. Updated and reviewed H&S Forms/documents for 2022 / 2023**

I have updated the Health and Safety Documents to reflect the removal of all restrictions relating to COVID-19. This is in line with the guidance from the FA and West Riding FA. Please ensure that you are using the current version of any forms and documents, including the risk assessment template.

## **3. Accident reports**

I have been made aware of two accidents during the 2021/2022 season, one to a parent and the other a player. I would like to thank the managers involved in the incidents for submitting accident forms in line with procedure. I would encourage managers to complete an accident form in the event of an accident. These forms are for our records, and those of WRCFA if required, and allow us to support you in your role. The updated form has been made available to you ahead of the AGM.

## **4. First Aid**

In last year's H&S update, Simon mentioned that a number of people's First Aid qualifications had lapsed, mainly due to the FA not providing in person courses during the COVID-19 pandemic. If this affects you, please be aware that the FA have developed an online First Aid course which can be completed at a time that suits you.

## **5. Wharfedale & District FA Emergency Aid & Defibrillator training**

At the time of writing, the Wharfedale and District FA have got two Emergency Aid and Defibrillator training courses booked for the evenings of 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> June. I think this is a good and useful initiative and I hope there is good attendance. If you are unable to attend these dates, there is a possibility of further training courses being arranged.

## **6. GJFC AED / Defibrillator Changing Rooms Shaw Lane**

As you are probably aware, particularly if you use the Shaw Lane facility, the Defibrillator on the external wall of the changing room is currently out of service. The council did not make us aware that the electrics had been turned off while the roof was repaired, which then meant that the battery ran low. I removed the defibrillator, but the cabinet was then vandalised, rendering it insecure. I hope to be able to replace the cabinet and reinstate the defibrillator as soon as possible. In the meantime, a list of the other local defibrillators can be found in the Medical Emergency Action Plan (Guidance) document.