

# The Brunswick Club for Young People Health and Safety Policy

## Introduction

This policy is written within the framework of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 (HASAWA) and its subsequent Regulations.

## Statement

This is the Health and Safety policy statement of The Brunswick Club for Young People

The aim of the Brunswick Club for Young People is to provide a safe and friendly environment in which young people can develop their physical, creative, mental, and social skills through their leisure time activities.

Our statement of general policy is

- To provide adequate control of the Health and Safety risks arising from our work activities
- To consult with our employees and volunteers on matters affecting their Health and Safety
- To provide and maintain safe plant and equipment
- To ensure safe handling and use of substances
- To provide information, instruction and supervision for workers
- To ensure all workers are competent to do their tasks and to give them adequate training
- To prevent accidents and work related ill health
- To maintain safe and healthy working conditions
- To review and revise this policy as necessary at regular intervals

## Covid-19 Update

We will adopt health and safety arrangements during the COVID-19 pandemic in line with Health & Safety legislation, current government guidance and sector specific guidelines. In particular, we will follow the guidelines of the National Youth Agency (NYA) and the Football Association (FA) in relation to the appropriate management of our premises and the safe delivery of our services, as detailed in the documents listed in Appendix 1 of this policy. (Appendix 1 will be updated as the guidance changes.)

## Responsibilities

Overall and final responsibility for Health and Safety is that of the Chairman of the Management Committee

Day to day responsibility for ensuring this policy is put into practice is delegated to the Club Manager

To ensure Health and Safety standards are maintained and improved and any concerns about health, safety, risk and fire risk are acted on, the following people have responsibility in these specific areas:

	<b>Name</b>		<b>Responsibility</b>
<b>1</b>	Michel Dunning	Chairman	Health and Safety, Risk & Fire Risk Assessment
<b>2</b>	Nicholas N. Browne	Secretary	Health and Safety, Risk & Fire Risk Assessment
<b>3</b>	Philip Witheridge	Treasurer	Health and Safety, Risk & Fire Risk Assessment
<b>4</b>	Danny Volino	Club Manager	Health and Safety, Risk & Fire Risk Assessment

All employees and volunteers have to

- Cooperate with supervisors and managers on Health and Safety matters
- Not interfere with anything provided to safeguard their Health and Safety
- Take reasonable care of their own Health and Safety
- Report all Health and Safety concerns to an appropriate person (as detailed above)

#### **Health and Safety risks arising from our work activities**

Our approach to managing risk is via our Health & Safety Inspections and Risk Assessments

#### **Consultation with employees and volunteers**

- We consult with our employees and volunteers through regular staff meetings
- The employees' and volunteers' representative is Danny Volino

#### **Safe plant and equipment**

The Premises Manager will be responsible for

- Identifying all plant / equipment needing maintenance and / or safe storage.
- Ensuring effective maintenance procedures are drawn up.
- Ensuring that all plant / equipment is covered by the Club's insurance.
- Ensuring equipment is safely stored in locked storage facilities (list attached).
- Checking that new plant and equipment meets Health and Safety standards before it is purchased.

The Club Manager will be responsible for

- Ensuring that all identified maintenance is carried out.

Any problems found with plant / equipment should be reported to the Club Manager.

**Safe handling and use of substances (COSHH)**

We looked at the use of chemicals in the workplace and established that we only use proprietary products such as paints and cleaning materials and confirmed that as long as the following points were followed, this would be sufficient to comply with the legislative requirements:

- Follow the usage instructions on the containers
- Use and select personal protective equipment (PPE) as advised by the manufacturer
- Follow the storage information, taking account of any particularly vulnerable group like children
- Ensure this safety information is not obscured in any way
- Instruct any employees or volunteers on the safe use of the chemicals including the requirement to use the relevant PPE.

**Asbestos**

- An asbestos register of known or presumed asbestos on site and a management plan for that asbestos has been drawn up and is maintained by the Premises Manager. This register and plan will be made available to all contractors working on site.
- The Premises Manager will ensure that only competent (and if necessary licensed) contractors follow the agreed safe methods when carrying out work that might disturb asbestos.
- Contractors will be asked to complete an asbestos safe operating procedure form and agree to a method of work that will not disturb asbestos, or if that is not possible, will ensure that any disturbance is properly controlled as required by the Control of Asbestos regulations 2012 and the standards in the HSE guidance and codes of practice.
- Contractors will be properly informed about asbestos in any part of the building they work in and given access to the asbestos register before commencing work involving drilling, cutting or abrading of surfaces or any access to roof voids, suspended ceilings, floor ducts or service ducts.
- Employees and volunteers are informed of the locations of asbestos, instructed on the need to avoid disturbing it, and on the importance of closing off areas and reporting damage or defects.

**Gas**

All gas supplies should be installed by a Gas Safe Registered gas fitter. Gas supplies to appliances should be by fixed piping or armoured flexible tubing. Gas cylinders should be located outside buildings, secured and protected from unauthorised interference.

**Electrical Equipment**

- Prior to use all portable electrical equipment should be visually inspected by employees or volunteers to identify any damage to the equipment, plug or cable. If defects are identified then the equipment is to be put out of use until it is checked to ensure safe operation or the defect is remedied.
- Portable electrical equipment, including the personal property of employees and volunteers on Club premises, will be tested annually by a competent person. No equipment should be used unless it has been tested.

- The Premises Manager will ensure that all electrical equipment is constructed and maintained so as to prevent danger as far as is reasonably practicable and complies with the standards detailed in the Electricity at Work Regulations 1989.

### **Display Screen Equipment**

All employees and volunteers will be informed of the various ill health conditions associated with the use of display screen equipment and the correct use of computers, positioning of desks, chairs and screens etc. to avoid these problems.

### **Manual Handling**

Manual handling is defined as the transporting or supporting of heavy or large items, or lifting or supporting people.

- The Club Manager is responsible for informing employees and volunteers of safe lifting techniques.
- Employees and volunteers are reminded to reduce loads whenever possible and to seek assistance if necessary. Wherever possible manual handling will be avoided or done by mechanical means, so that the risk of injury is reduced.
- All employees and volunteers that carry out unavoidable manual handling tasks on a regular basis will be trained. Only employees and volunteers who have received manual handling training are to participate in tasks involving the lifting of persons.
- Under no circumstances will young people be allowed to move heavy items of furniture or equipment

### **Lone Working**

The Brunswick Club for Young People recognises there will be instances where employees and volunteers will have to work alone and / or out of view of other colleagues. Please refer to the Club's "Lone Working Policy" which outlines what we consider to be safe professional practice when faced with lone working situations.

### **Risk Assessments**

Risk Assessments will be carried out for all activities by the Club Manager and one other member of staff and will be reviewed annually.

### **Information, instruction and supervision**

- The Health and Safety law poster is displayed on the notice board at ground floor level opposite the stairs.
- Leaflets and other information are available from the Club Manager.
- Safety information for children and young people should be displayed on the appropriate notice boards in the Youth Activity area of the Club.
- Health and Safety advice is available from the Chairman of the Management Committee.

- Supervision of workers and trainees will be arranged / undertaken by the Club Manager.
- The Chairman of the Management Committee is responsible for making sure that our employees and volunteers working at other locations under the control of other employers are given relevant Health and Safety information.

### **Competency for tasks and training**

The Chairman of the Management Committee and / or the Club Manager will ensure:

- All employees, volunteers and young people (where appropriate) are given induction training / safety briefings, as well as provided with appropriate supervision and support on all Health and Safety matters pertaining to the activities of the Club both on and off-site.
- Where specific jobs require specialist training, that specialist training will be provided.
- All equipment provided is safe and acceptable for use by employees, volunteers and young people.
- The use of all potentially dangerous equipment (cues, gym equipment, knives, scissors, etc.) will be monitored by an appropriate staff member to prevent misuse and/or endangering persons present in the Club.

### **Accidents, Incidents, First Aid and work related ill-health**

The First Aid box(es) are kept in the Kit Room and restocked by the Club Manager.

All accidents and cases of work related ill-health are to be recorded in the accident book. The accident book is kept by the Club Manager in the Brunswick Club office.

All incidents, other than accidents and cases of work-related ill health, are to be recorded in the incident book. The incident book is kept by the Club Manager in the Brunswick Club office.

### **Monitoring**

The Club Manager is responsible for:

- Reporting accidents to the appropriate authorities.
- Investigating work related cases of sickness absence.
- Acting on any investigation findings to prevent a recurrence.

**The appointed persons / first aiders are:**

**DANNY VOLINO; PIERS PLAYER;**

### **Fire and emergency**

In the event of an emergency, the procedure is as follows:

- For the employee, volunteer or young person discovering the fire, they should notify the whole building by setting off the fire alarm if they have not done so already.
- All persons present on the premises should evacuate the building through the nearest available fire exit, leaving all personal belongings behind if necessary.

- All persons from the Brunswick Club should assemble outside the Club gates in St Thomas' Way, where a register will be taken to ensure all persons present at the Brunswick Club have left the premises.

### Fire safety responsibility

- The Chairman of the Management Committee is responsible for making sure that a Fire Risk Assessment is carried out and implemented.
- Escape routes are checked by the Club Manager / Premises Manager every week.
- The fire extinguishers are maintained and checked by Premier Fire Protection annually.
- Fire alarms are tested by the Club Manager / Premises Manager every week.
- Emergency evacuation will be tested every six months by doing an evacuation drill.
- It will be the responsibility of the Fire Marshall to notify the Fire Brigade in the event of a fire and pass all relevant information on to the Fire Brigade once they have arrived.

### The appointed Fire Marshall is:

**DANNY VOLINO**

### Lockable Storage Facilities

Lockable storage facilities are located in:

Martial Arts Room	Tae Kwon Do equipment
Kitchen	Nursery kitchen equipment / Youth club kitchen equipment
Youth Activity Area	Nursery equipment
Main gym	Table tennis equipment
Reception Storage Room	Youth Club equipment
Changing Room	Bibs, balls, goal keepers gloves / Lost property
Kit Room	Football kit, football equipment
Fitness Gym	Fitness equipment
Cleaning Cupboard	Cleaning equipment
Premises Manager's office	Tools
Office	Office equipment, stationery / Personnel and confidential files
Storage Room (on roof)	Non chemical cleaning equipment and materials / Archive material

**Consultation and Commitment to Review**

The Brunswick Club is committed to the review and updating of its policies and procedures through consulting with its employees, volunteers and children and young people. Employees and volunteers will be consulted on changes to policies through staff meetings and children and young people through youth meetings.

The employees' and volunteers' representative is Danny Volino.

This policy was reviewed by the Management Committee on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

This policy will be reviewed by the Management Committee in November 2022.

## **Appendix 1**

*(updated 29 November 2021)*

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### **National Youth Agency (NYA)**

1. Managing youth sector activities and spaces during COVID-19  
Version 8 – September 2021  
<https://nya.org.uk/guidance/>

### **Football Association (FA)**

1. COVID-19: STEP FOUR GUIDANCE FOR GRASSROOTS FOOTBALL  
Version: 1.9 Published: 16 July 2021  
<https://www.thefa.com/news/2021/jul/16/20210716-non-elite-football-update-step-4-government-covid-19-roadmap>