



Isle of Wedmore Junior Football Club

Safeguarding - Data Protection/Sharing and the FA Whole Game System



What happens to the registration data provided to the club?

Why does the club need a child's FAN and/or parent's Date of Birth?

The FA are now requiring clubs to register all league players (U8's and above) in their "Whole Game System" (WGS), which results in each child having an FA Number (FAN) allocated. For all under 16's, the record is associated to a parent/guardian.

Data safeguarding was a foremost consideration within the development of the player registration functionality within the WGS. Player information is collected and inputted only by affiliated clubs and sanctioned leagues for the purpose of the administration and organisation of football with information only accessible between relevant parties as necessary for this purpose. Club and leagues will have access to their own player's details as they would do normally and only with consent from Parent/Guardian would appointed officials be allowed to add or transfer players.

Within IOWJFC the appointed officials are the Secretary, Registration Secretary, and Girls Registration Secretary.

By signing to play for an affiliated club within a Sanctioned league parents/carers are providing consent to the data being stored on The FA's Whole Game Player Registration system which is compliant in line with the relevant UK data protection legislation; to the sharing of information between the club and league who organise and administrate football, and County FA's/The FA who regulate and govern the national game. Clubs and leagues already hold information in formats which are covered by data protection legislation and WGS player registration is no different and is potentially more secure.

- The system does not collect or share mobile phone or Email/social media contact details for children and young people within youth football.
- For all IOWJFC players in the league teams U8 to U16 inclusive, the club is required to record the details of the player's main Parent/Guardian in the WGS - first name, last name and date of birth for the Parent/Guardian.
- Date of birth is included so that The Football Association or a County FA can verify the identity of the person who is associated with the youth record, which is essential for maintaining the security of the player data held.

By signing the new section in the club registration form, parents are consenting to the above information transfer - if consent is not provided, the players will unfortunately not be permitted to play in League matches for the club. All other data will be held solely for the purposes of IOWJFC club administration.

Any questions, please ask your Manager or any of the club officials. Thankyou.