Yorkshire Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs

Health & Safety Policy

Approved by Executive Committee
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Safety Policy and Responsibilities within it

Safety Policy

The Federation recognises its responsibility to conduct its activities within the framework of the Health and Safety at work Act 1974 and the subsequent regulations and Codes of Practice.

It is the policy of the YFYFC to provide activities in a safe manner without risk to health, so far as is reasonably practicable.

The Federation believes that this responsibility ranks equally with the other responsibilities required in providing YFC activities and functions.

It is the responsibility of all those involved in YFYFC to seek to, so far as is reasonably practicable, ensure that:

- any event organised by the federation is covered by adequate insurance arrangements.
- all activities are conducted in a safe manner without risk to the health of participants;
- the provision and maintenance of equipment, buildings and venues for members and others is safe and without risk to health and adequate for their welfare;
- information, instruction, training and supervision is provided with the object of ensuring the health and safety of all those involved in YFYFC activities or who may be affected by them;
- risk assessments should be undertaken prior to all meetings and events at Club, District and County levels.
- attention should be paid to membership form health and wellbeing information.
- attention should be paid to parental consent form details.
- appropriate arrangements are made to ensure safety and the absence of risks to health in connection with the use, transport, storage and handling of equipment, livestock and substances that are inherently or potentially dangerous.

Responsibilities within the Safety Policy

All persons involved with YFYFC are responsible for the operation of the Federations Safety Policy.

It is the responsibility of all persons to ensure that:

- they do not endanger the health and safety of themselves or others.
- they observe the rules established for the safety of those involved in YFYFC activities.

With assistance from the YFYFC Health and Safety Officer, the County Chairman and the County Coordinator will ensure so far as reasonably practicable that all those involved in any County organised event, carry out their duties with regard for their own safety and that of others.

With assistance from the YFYFC Health and Safety Officer, the County Chairman and the County Coordinator will keep the Safety Policy under review and will from time to time amend and update the Policy as necessary.

With assistance from the YFYFC Health and Safety Officer, the County Chairman and the County Coordinator will carry out any necessary investigations into accidents or incidents/near misses and ensure that any such occurrence is recorded in the Accident Book. An Incident/Near Miss Form must be completed, returned to, and kept securely at County Office. If necessary the accidents or incidents will be reported to the Health and Safety Executive, local Police Force and/or the local Environmental Health Department.

Where necessary the Federation will provide any safety equipment as required by any statute, i.e. goggles, welding screens, safety helmets and hearing protection.

To prevent the spread of infection i.e. Covid-19, the Federation will provide any safety equipment to competitions and events i.e. hand sanitiser, face masks, and appropriate cleaning materials.

With assistance from the YFYFC Health and Safety Officer, the County Chairman and the County Coordinator will ensure so far as reasonably practicable that as many Members and Officials as possible, at any event, receive adequate training to enable them to carry out their duties. Any online training sessions will be made available to clubs and districts via the YFYFC website at the earliest opportunity.

Adopted as the Safety Policy for the Yorkshire Federation of Young Farmers' Club.

Signed: ……

Kirsty Chapple, County Chairman 2023 - 2024

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