

ANNUAL SAFETY REPORT

2016-2017

Sale Football Club

REPORT TO THE

SAFETY AT SPORTS GROUNDS ADVISORY GROUP

BY

SALE FOOTBALL CLUB

CLUB OPERATION

Sale Football Club operates out of our Heywood Road site, playing Rugby at level 4 in the national leagues, governed by the National Body, RFU.

We have played rugby from this site for over 100 years and are the fourth oldest club in the world. We currently run two senior teams, an u18 colts team and 10 minis and juniors teams.

In recent years we have made great strides in enhancing the clubs persona to be more community based venue, thus attracting ancillary functions, such as school events, parties, functions and the most recent addition of playing Rugby League as a host to Swinton Lions.

SEASON 2016-17 REPORT

We are pleased to advise that with the usage of Heywood Road for Rugby union and Rugby League we have had no major incidents for the year to date. We attract crowds ranging from 200 to 500 for the Sale FC fixtures for which the larger recognised crowds of 500 we have employed stewards, not as a necessity but as a precaution. We have no incident to report. At any of these games either myself, Mike Jefferson or Wynn Loughlin are on site at any one time.

The Swinton Rugby League games are a larger scale event attracting crowds from 400 to 1500. These events are handled differently by way of regular meetings between Sale FC and Swinton with the Ground safety officer to identify and foreseeable issues or to offer best practice where possible. On game day a team of stewards, medics and security are employed by Swinton with a further 5 stewards by Sale FC to assist with movement on Heywood road.

Conclusion

Sale FC is satisfied with the current site safety operations.

FUTURE OBJECTIVES

Sale FC is committed to ground safety for its members and members of the public attending the Heywood Road site. Ongoing maintenance and regular annual checks are made and kept upto date in line with our Health and Safety policy in accordance with our insurers to ensure our general safety policy is implemented on site and during events.