



## **ANTI-DISCRIMINATION POLICY**

Evolution Sports Coaching Ltd trading as Love the Ball is responsible for setting standards and values to apply throughout the organisation at every level. Football & sport generally belongs to and should be enjoyed by everyone, equally. Our commitment is to confront and eliminate discrimination whether by reason of sex, sexual orientation, race, nationality, ethnic origin, colour, religion or disability.

Equality of opportunity at Evolution Sports Coaching (Love the Ball) means that in all our activities we will not discriminate or in any way treat anyone less favourably, on grounds of sex, sexual orientation, race, nationality, ethnic origin, colour, religion or disability.

This includes:

- The advertisement for volunteers
- The selection of candidates for volunteers
- Courses
- Coaching and education activities and awards
- Football & sports development activities
- Appointments of employees

Evolution Sports Coaching (Love the Ball) will not tolerate sexual or racially based harassment or other discriminatory behaviour, whether physical or verbal, and will work to ensure that such behaviour is met with appropriate action in whatever context it occurs.

Evolution Sports Coaching (Love the Ball) is committed to the development of the programme of ongoing training and awareness raising events and activities, in order to promote the eradication of discrimination within its own organisation, and within football.

# EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES POLICY

Evolution Sports Coaching Ltd trading as (Love the Ball) is committed to a policy of equal treatment of all members and requires all members of whatever level or authority, to abide and adhere to this general principle and the requirements of the Codes of Practice issued by the Equal Opportunities Commission and Commission for Racial Equality.

All members are expected to abide by the requirements of the Race Relations Act 1976, Sex Discrimination Act 1986 and Disability Discrimination Act 1995. Specifically, discrimination is prohibited by:

Treating any individuals on grounds of gender, colour, marital status, race, nationality or ethnic or national origin, religion, sexual orientation or disability less favourably than others.

Expecting an individual solely on the grounds stated above to comply with requirement(s) for any reason whatsoever related to their membership, which are different from the requirements for others.

Imposing on an individual requirement which are in effect more onerous on that individual than they are on others. For example, this would include applying a condition which makes it more difficult for members of a race or sex to comply than others not of that race or sex.

Victimisation of an individual.

Harassment of an individual, by virtue of discrimination.

Any other act or omission of an act, which has as its effect the disadvantaging of a member against another, or others, purely on the above grounds. Thus, in all the organisations recruitment, coaching, selection, promotion and training processes, as well as disciplinary matters, it is essential that merit, experience, skills and temperament are considered as objectively as possible.

Evolution Sports Coaching (Love the Ball) commits itself to the immediate investigation of any claims of discrimination on the above grounds and where such is found to be the case, a requirement that the practice cease forthwith, restitution of damage or loss (if necessary) and to the investigation of any member accused of discrimination.

Any employee found guilty of discrimination will be instructed to desist forthwith. Since discrimination in its many forms is against the organisations policy, any employees/staff offending will be dealt with under the disciplinary procedure.

The organisation commits itself to the disabled person whenever possible and will treat such members, in aspects of their recruitment and membership, in the same manner as other members. The difficulties of their disablement permitting assistance will be given, wherever possible to ensure that disabled members are helped in gaining access. Appropriate training will be made to such members who request it.