



Clontarf Cricket Club Child Safeguarding Policy

- Clontarf Cricket Club is committed to ensuring all children, have a safe, positive and fun experience, whatever their level of involvement in cricket. The welfare of all children is paramount
- All children, regardless of age, gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, ability or disability, have the right to enjoy cricket in an environment within cricket that is safe from abuse of any kind.
- Clontarf Cricket Club recognises the importance of safeguarding children and is committed to developing, and implementing, policies and procedures which ensure that everyone knows, and accepts, their responsibility in relation to a duty of care of children
- Clontarf Cricket Club is committed to ensuring that there are correct and comprehensive procedures for responding to, recording, and reporting child safeguarding concerns
- Clontarf Cricket Club will work with all relevant parties to ensure all suspicions and allegations are taken seriously, managed and dealt with swiftly and appropriately in line with Cricket Ireland policies and procedures and any statutory guidance

It is mandatory that all Cricket Unions, affiliated leagues and clubs must adopt and implement the Cricket Ireland Child Safeguarding Policy.

All affiliated clubs in ROI must appoint a Club Children's Officer & a Designated Liaison person to ensure that appropriate procedures are followed.

Cliona O'Reilly is the Clontarf cricket Club Children's Officer.

Sue O'Neill is the Clontarf Cricket Club Designated Liaison Person

Cricket Ireland recognises the responsibility of the statutory agencies and is committed to working with all relevant personnel to comply with their procedures and statutory guidance

Cricket Ireland is committed to promoting safe, recruitment procedures and good practice for individuals working within cricket whether in a paid or voluntary capacity Cricket Ireland will ensure that individuals will receive support through education and training, to be aware of, and understand, best practice and how to manage any safeguarding issues, which may come to light

Cricket Ireland recognises that it is not the responsibility of those working in cricket to determine if abuse has taken place, but it is their responsibility to act upon and report any concerns

It is important to understand that safeguarding should not be viewed as a stand-alone process, which sits in isolation from other activities within cricket. Safeguarding is about creating a culture, which is fully integrated and helps direct the game and the provision of services that are offered to participants. Safeguarding in cricket is based upon the concept of providing an enjoyable environment tailored to the needs and requirements of children.

From a legislative perspective, there is clear statutory guidance about the arrangements which must be in place in any organisation that provides services for, or works with, children. A policy decision has been taken by Cricket Ireland to work to the highest standard of guidance in all locations throughout the Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland where Cricket Ireland is the Governing Body.

Child safeguarding responsibilities at club level

Cricket Ireland, as cricket's Governing Body in Ireland has produced this guide to provide information and steps to be taken to safeguard and protect children involved in cricket. However, it is vital that responsibility and ownership for child safeguarding is shared and that not only the governing body, but each individual Provincial Union, club staff and volunteers implement Cricket Ireland's approach and procedures for child safeguarding. It is vital that all personnel in a position of responsibility such as coaches, recruiters and managers take ownership for ensuring that the child safeguarding measures described in this manual are implemented consistently at a club level.

This guide details Child Safeguarding areas under which Cricket Ireland requires specific actions and responsibilities of each of its clubs. This guide takes into account relevant legislation and statutory guidance at the time of publication. It does not intend to make the reader an expert on the legal framework, or the subject of safeguarding, but instead it offers practical guidance for those involved in providing cricket activities for children, aiming to increase general awareness of both mandatory requirements and good practice.

It is a mandatory requirement for every club affiliated to Cricket Ireland to adopt the manual and its policies and develop their own Safeguarding Policy Statement. The guide is based on the guidelines and legislation outlined in the following documents: The Code of Ethics and Good practice for Children's Sport, Irish Sports Council and Sport NI, 2019 (COE reviewed in 2019) For Republic of Ireland Clubs should reference; Children First Act. 2017 Our Duty to Care, Dept. of Health & Children 2002 Criminal Law (sexual offences) Act 2006 The Protection for Persons Reporting Child Abuse Act 1998 The National Vetting Bureau Act 2012 Children First Act 2015 For Northern Ireland Clubs should reference; Children (NI) Order, 1995 Co-operating to Safeguard Children and Young People, 2016 Area Child Protection Committee Regional Policy and Procedures, 2005 Keeping Children Safe - Our Duty of Care, 2017 Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups

(NI) Order 2007 Sexual Offences (NI) Order 2008 Criminal Law (NI) Act 1967 Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 Safeguarding or Child Protection: - The term child protection has been extended to safeguarding because it reflects the wider responsibility for health, safety and prevention as well as protection from abuse. It may be defined as: Doing everything possible to minimise the risk of harm to children and young people. Safeguarding is about being proactive and putting measures in place in advance of any contact with children to ensure that children are going to be kept safe. This includes as an example:: Ensuring staff/volunteers are properly vetted as part of their roles Guidelines for people who come into contact with children as part of their roles Guidelines for planning an event or activity with children and putting measures in place to minimise the risk of safeguarding issues occurring