

Risk Assessment Document for Ardee/Reaghstown Area Community Games

This risk assessment considers the potential for harm to come to children whilst they are in Ardee/Reaghstown Area *Community Games* care. This risk assessment precedes the Child Safeguarding Statement (Section 11 (1b) Children First Act 2015) which is developed following this risk assessment process. In accordance with the requirements of Section 11 (1) of the Children First Act 2015 the risk is of abuse and not general health and safety risk (covered under a separate H&S policy and risk assessment).

Section 11 (1) of the Children First Act 2015 states that where a person proposes to operate as a provider of a relevant service, he or she shall, within 3 months from the date on which he or she commences as such a provider —

(a) Undertake an assessment of any potential for harm to a child while availing of the service (in this section referred to as a “risk”).

Potential risk of harm to children	Likelihood of harm happening L-M-H	Required Policy, Guidance and Procedure document	Responsibility Area/County/National	Further action required ...
CLUB & COACHING PRACTICES				
Lack of coaching qualification	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Coach education policy ▪ Recruitment policy 	NGB Area	Ongoing review
Supervision issues	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Supervision policy ▪ Coach education policy 	NGB Area	Ongoing review
Unauthorised photography & recording activities	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Filming and Photography policy 	NGB Area	Ongoing review
Behavioural Issues	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Code of Conduct ▪ Safeguarding Level 1 (min) ▪ Complaints & Disciplinary policy 	Area	Ongoing review
Lack of gender balance amongst coaches	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Coach education policy ▪ Supervision policy 	Area	Ongoing review

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No guidance for travelling and away trips	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Travel/Away trip policy within Child Protection Policy Child Safeguarding Training 	NGB Area	Ongoing review
Lack of adherence with misc procedures in Safeguarding policy (i.e. mobile, photography, transport)	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safeguarding policy Complaints & disciplinary policy 	Area	Ongoing review
COMPLAINTS & DISCIPLINE				
Lack of awareness of a Complaints & Disciplinary policy	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complaints & Disciplinary procedure/policy Communications procedure 	Area	Ongoing review
Difficulty in raising an issue by child & or parent Reason: Covered above	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complaints & Disciplinary procedure/policy Communications procedure 	Area	Review the communication/responsibilities of the procedure/policy as required
Complaints not being dealt with seriously	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complaints & Disciplinary procedure/policy 	Area	Ongoing review
REPORTING PROCEDURES				
Lack of knowledge of organisational and statutory reporting procedures	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reporting procedures/policy Coach education policy Code of Conduct /Behaviour 	NGB Mandated Person DLP	Make policies and procedures available Include in Safeguarding Training (L1) Include in Coach Education Training
No Mandated Person appointed	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reporting procedures/policy 	NGB	This is the National Children's Officer/ CEO in the interim

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No DLP Appointed	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reporting procedures/policy 	NGB Area	Note identity of DLP on website
Concerns of abuse or harm not reported	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reporting procedures/policy Child Safeguarding Training – Level 1 	Mandated Person DLP	Place reporting procedures on website
Not clear who young people should talk to or report to	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Post the names of Area COs, DLPs and Mandated Person 	Area CO DLP	Communicate within the Area Include in Safeguarding Training Include in relevant codes and provide to parents/athletes
FACILITIES				
Unauthorised access to designated children’s play & practice areas and to changing rooms, showers, toilets etc.	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supervision policy Coach education 	NGB Area	Clarify responsibilities before session starts
Unauthorised exit from children’s areas	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supervision policy Coach education 	Area	Clarify responsibilities before session starts
Photography, filming or recording in prohibited areas	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Filming and Photography policy and use of devices in private zones 	NGB Area	Ongoing review
Missing or found child on site	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Missing Children Protocol 	Area	Refer to policy and inform Gardai
Children sharing facilities with adults e.g. dressing room, showers etc.	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safeguarding policy Supervision Policy 	Area	Not applicable
RECRUITMENT				
Recruitment of inappropriate people	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recruitment policy 	NGB Area Area CO Appropriate personnel	Ongoing review Vetting procedure in place



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Lack of clarity on roles	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recruitment policy 	Area	Check job descriptions
Unqualified or untrained people in role	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recruitment policy 	Area	Check qualification Ongoing review
COMMUNICATIONS AND SOCIAL MEDIA				
Lack of awareness of 'risk of harm' with members and visitors	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child Safeguarding Statement Training policy 	NGB Area DLP/Area CO	Communicate Child Safeguarding Statement on website
No communication of Child Safeguarding Statement or Code of Conduct to members or visitors	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child Safeguarding Statement – display Code of Behaviour - distribute 	Area Executive County Executive DLP/ Areas CO	Communicate Child Safeguarding Statement Place copy on site
Unauthorised photography & recording of activities	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Filming and Photography Policy 	Area	Ongoing review
Inappropriate use of social media and communications by under 18's	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social Media policy Code of conduct 	Area Area CO	Ongoing review
Inappropriate use of social media and communications with under 18's	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communications policy Code of conduct 	Area Area CO	Ongoing review
GENERAL RISK OF HARM				
Harm not being recognised	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safeguarding policy Child Safeguarding Training 	Area	Codes of conduct in place Ongoing review

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Harm caused by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - child to child - coach to child - volunteer to child - member to child - visitor to child 	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Safeguarding policy ▪ Child Safeguarding Training 	NGB Area Area Children's Officer	Codes of conduct in place Ongoing review
General behavioural issues	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Code of Conduct 	Area Area Children's Officer	Signed code of conducts in place Ongoing review

Explanation of terms used:

- **Potential risk of harm to children** – these are identified risks of harm to children whilst accessing activities at Area/County/Provincial/National events.
- **Likelihood of harm happening** – the likelihood of the risk occurring at an Area/County/Provincial/National event measured as Low, Medium or High.
- **Required Policy, Guidance and Procedure document** – indication of the policy required to alleviate the risk.
- **Responsibility** – provider should indicate where the responsibility for alleviating the risk lies.
- **Further action...** - indicates further action that might be necessary to alleviate any risk ongoing.

This Risk Assessment document has been discussed and completed by Ardee/Reaghstown Area on 05 March 2018.

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