

Safeguarding Risk Assessment Document (North West Cricket Union)

This risk assessment considers the potential for harm to come to children whilst they are in our 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 harm, 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-	Code of Ethics required Policy or Guidance document	Responsibility for risk	Further action required ...
UNION & COACHING PRACTICES				
Lack of coaching qualification	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Coach education policy ▪ Safe recruitment policy 	Union committee Head coach Union Children’s officer	Union to maintain a list of persons involved with youth teams with proof of coaching and safeguarding qualifications
Supervision issues	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Supervision policy ▪ Coach education policy 	Union committee Head coach	Ensure role description is clear Ongoing review
Unauthorized photography & recording activities	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Photography and Use of Images policy ▪ Code of conducts 	Union committee Team head coach Union Children’s Officer	Ensure policies are accessible and promoted to members Ongoing review
Behavioral Issues – peer to peer and leader behavior	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Code of Conduct ▪ Child Safeguarding Training (SG 1) ▪ Complaints & Disciplinary policy 	Union committee Union Children’s Officer Cricket Ireland	All persons working/volunteering with children must agree to and sign a code of conduct Ongoing review
Lack of gender balance amongst coaches	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Supervision policy ▪ Child Safeguarding Training ▪ Safe recruitment policy 	Union committee	Ongoing review - develop dedicated strategy to attract more female coaches within cricket
No guidance for travelling and away trips	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Travel/Away trip policy ▪ Child Safeguarding Training 	Union committee Head coach travelling	Make policies available to all involved pre-travel



Lack of adherence with procedures in Safeguarding Code (ratio's, transport etc.)	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Safeguarding Code▪ Complaints & disciplinary policy▪ Code of conduct	Union committee Union Children's officer	Ongoing review
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COMPLAINTS & DISCIPLINARY				
Lack of awareness of a Complaints & Disciplinary policy and process	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child safeguarding policy Complaints & Disciplinary process from Code of Ethics Reporting procedure Communications procedure 	Union committee Union Designated Safeguarding officer	Communication required within the union to ensure policies and procedures are accessible
Complaints not being dealt with seriously	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complaints & Disciplinary procedure/policy Reporting procedure 	Union committee Union Designated Safeguarding officer	Immediate action required All complaints should be recorded and passed on where applicable Consult with PU DLP or CI NSO
REPORTING PROCEDURES				
Lack of knowledge of organisational and statutory reporting procedures	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reporting procedures /policy Safe recruitment policy Coach education policy Code of Conduct 	CI NSO Union committee Union Designated Safeguarding officer Officer	Make policies, procedures available Include in Safeguarding Training (L1) Include in Coach Education Training
Lack of awareness of Mandated person	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reporting procedures/policy 	Union Designated Safeguarding officer	Publicise identity of Mandated person to PU's and unions CI Safeguarding Officer is the CI mandated person
No Union Children's Officer /Relevant Person appointed	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reporting procedures/policy Child Safeguarding policy 	Union committee CI NSO	Union appoints at least one person in each role and completes appropriate training. Publicise identity of DLP and CCO within your union. (one person carries out both roles in NI as CCO)
Concerns of abuse or harm not reported	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reporting procedures/policy Child Safeguarding Training – Level 1 	DLP Union Designated Safeguarding officer CI NSO	Include in Safeguarding Training Publicise names of CCOs & MP Publicise internal and external reporting procedures
Not clear who children should talk to or report concerns to	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Post the names of CCOs, DLPs and MP Display Union Children's Officer poster 	Union committee Union Designated Safeguarding officer	Communicate in Union Include in Safeguarding Training Provide opportunities for children and parents to meet with CCO and DLP
Board training	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct board/committee safeguarding training 	CI PU Union Designated Safeguarding officer	Communicate and train boards and committee to understand the organisations accountability for safeguarding.
FACILITIES				

Unauthorised access to designated children's play & practice areas and to changing rooms, showers, toilets etc.	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child Safeguarding policy Coach education (safeguarding 1) 	Union committee Union coach Union Designated Safeguarding officer	Clarify roles and responsibilities prior to session starting
Unauthorised exit from children's areas	High	Child Safeguarding policy	Union committee Union coach Union Designated Safeguarding officer	Clarify responsibilities before session starts
Photography, filming or recording in prohibited areas	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Photography policy and use of devices in private zones 	Union Designated Safeguarding officer	Enforce policy in private changing and wet areas
Missing or found child on site	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Missing or found child policy 	Union committee Union Children's officer	Refer to policy and inform Gardai / PSNI
Children sharing facilities with adults e.g. dressing, showers	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safeguarding policy Changing room policy 	Union committee Union Designated Safeguarding officer Team coach	Plan with facilities management to create a suitable child centered environment in shared facilities

RECRUITMENT

Recruitment of inappropriate people	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safe recruitment policy Vetting policy 	Union committee Union Designated Safeguarding officer	Ensure a comprehensive induction period for new sports leaders. Ongoing review
Lack of clarity on roles	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safe recruitment policy 	Union committee Union Designated Safeguarding officer	Role clarified during induction process and prior to each session
Unqualified or untrained people in role	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safe recruitment policy 	CI PU Union	Check qualification Ongoing review

COMMUNICATIONS AND SOCIAL MEDIA

No communication of Child Safeguarding Statement or Code of Behaviour to members or visitors	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child Safeguarding Statement prominently displayed Code of Behaviour - distribute 	Union committee Union Designated Safeguarding officer Cricket Ireland	Communicate Child Safeguarding Statement. Distribute Code or Sections as appropriate
Lack of awareness of 'risk of harm' with members and visitors	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child Safeguarding Statement Child Safeguarding policy Training policy 	CI PU Union	Circulate Child Safeguarding Statement Make child Safeguarding policy accessible Ongoing review

Unauthorised photography & recording of activities	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Photography and Use of Images policy 	CI/PU / Union	Communicate Photography and Use of Images policy
Inappropriate use of social media and communications by under 18's	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communications policy Code of conduct 	Union Designated Safeguarding officer Union committee	Communicate communications policy
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GENERAL RISK OF HARM				
Harm not being recognised	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child Safeguarding policy Child Safeguarding Training 	Union committee Union Children's officer Union DLP	Review reporting process Informal consultation with Tusla / HSCT
Harm caused by - child to child - leader to child	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safeguarding policy Child Safeguarding Training Bullying policy Code of conduct Safe recruitment policy 	Union committee Union Designated Safeguarding officer	Informal consultation with Tusla (ROI)/Gateway (NI) Report to statutory agencies Inform PU DLP Inform CI NSO
General behavioural issues	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Code of Conduct Complaints and disciplinary procedure 	Union committee Union Children's officer	Take disciplinary action where necessary sign code of conduct

Explanation of terms used above:

1. Potential risk of harm to children – these are identified risks of harm to children whilst accessing activities in the Union/County/Region/NGB
2. Likelihood of harm happening – the likelihood of the risk occurring in the Union/County/Region/NGB measured as Low/Medium or High
3. Required Policy, Guidance and Procedure document – indication of the policy required to alleviate the risk contained in the Code of Ethics
4. Responsibility – provider should indicate where the responsibility for alleviating the risk lies
5. Further action - indicates further action that might be necessary to alleviate any risk ongoing
6. MP: Mandated Person appointed by Cricket Ireland
7. CCO: Union Children's Officer (Relevant Person)
8. DLP: Designated Liaison Person
9. PU DLP: Provincial Union Designated Liaison Person
10. CI: Cricket Ireland
11. NSO
12. National safeguarding Officer
13. Relevant Person: Person responsible for information about the Safeguarding Statement in the union, this role is assigned to the Union Children's Officer