

Longford Triathlon Club

Child Safeguarding Statement

09th January 2024



Triathlon Ireland Club Child Safeguarding Statement

Club Information

Longford Triathlon Club, based in County Longford, provides sporting activities and opportunities for young people through participation in the club’s activities and events.

Principals to safeguard children from harm

Longford Triathlon Club is committed to safeguarding children and by working under the guidance of Triathlon Ireland’s Safeguarding Policies our staff, both volunteers and employed, working with our young people, throughout the organisation, seek to create a safe environment for young people to grow and develop within triathlon. The following set of principles should be adhered to; importance of childhood, the needs of the child, integrity in relationships, fair play, quality atmosphere & ethos, competition and equality.

Risk Assessment

Below is a summary of our risk assessment which indicated areas of potential harm and policy/procedures in place to mitigate these risks. This Risk Assessment was undertaken on the 21/02/2023

Risks Identified (as defined in the Children First Act 2015)	Policies/Procedure in Place to mitigate for risks
<p>Club & Coaching Practices Risk of harm by a member of staff/volunteer</p> <p>Risk of harm of a child by a visitor to the service</p> <p>Risk of harm of a child on outings/trips</p>	<p>Vetting Policy</p> <p>Safe Recruitment Policy</p> <p>Code of Conduct (coaches/leaders)</p> <p>Safeguarding Policy for Junior Events</p> <p>Physical Contact Policy</p> <p>Event Management & Safety Plan</p> <p>Reporting Procedures for Safeguarding and Code of Conduct Concerns</p> <p>Travel and Overnight Trips Policy.</p> <p>Missing Children Procedure and flow chart</p>
<p>Complaints & Discipline Risk of harm through lack of awareness of complaints not being dealt with seriously.</p>	<p>Complaints Policy</p> <p>Disciplinary Policy</p>

<p>Reporting Procedures Risk of harm through lack of knowledge of how to report or concerns not reported.</p>	<p>Safeguarding Training Policy Reporting Procedures for Safeguarding and Code of Conduct Concerns</p>
<p>Use of Facilities Unauthorised access to designated children’s play & practice areas & to changing rooms. Unauthorised exit from children’s areas. Photography, filming or recording in prohibited areas. Missing or found child on site. Children sharing facilities with adults</p>	<p>Safeguarding Policy for Junior Events Safety Guidelines for Club Sessions Photography and Filming Policy Event Management & Safety Plan Missing Children Procedure and flow chart Photography and Filming Policy</p>
<p>Recruitment Risk of harm due to recruitment of inappropriate/unqualified people Lack of clarity of role.</p>	<p>Vetting Policy Safe Recruitment Policy Code of Conduct (coaches/leaders)</p>
<p>Communication Risk of harm of a child through the use of unauthorised photography Risk of harm of online abuse through social media. Lack of awareness of ‘risk of harm’ with members and visitors. No communication of Child Safeguarding Statement of Code of Behaviour to members of visitors. Unauthorised photography & recording of activities.</p>	<p>Photography and Filming Policy Social Media Guidance for Juniors Social Media Guidance for Coaches and Leaders Social Media Guidance for Clubs Guidance for Coaches and Clubs for Online Sessions</p>



<p>General Risk of Harm Risk of harm of bullying of a child by a member of staff/volunteer/peer</p> <p>General behavioural issues Harm not being recognised</p>	<p>Anti-Bullying Policy</p> <p>Code of Conduct (coaches/leaders)</p> <p>Code of Conduct (young members)</p> <p>Code of Conduct (parents/carers)</p> <p>Safeguarding Training Policy</p>
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Procedures

This Child Safeguarding statement was developed in line with requirements under the Children First Act 2015(The Children First: National Guidance, and TUSLA’S Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice and in line with the National Society for the Protection of Cruelty to Children and the Department of Health ‘Co-operating to Safeguard Children and Young People in Northern Ireland’ and the Children (NI) Order 1995. In addition to our risk assessment Longford Triathlon Club have further procedures adopted from Triathlon Ireland that support our intention to safeguard young people while they are availing of activities with Longford Triathlon Club.

- Procedures for reporting of child protection or welfare concerns to Statutory authorities.
- Procedures for the safe recruitment of staff and volunteers.
- Procedures for the management of allegations of abuse or misconduct by staff or volunteers against a child availing of our activities.
- Procedure for appointing a Club Children’s Officer.
- Policy regarding safeguarding training.

The Mandated/ Relevant Person for Triathlon Ireland is Niamh O’ Gorman who can be contacted for further information on this statement. Contact: e.niamh@triathlonireland.com p.0873627106

The Club Children’s /Safeguarding Officer for Longford Triathlon Club is **Mark Sheridan**.

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Implementation

Implementation of our Safeguarding policies is an ongoing process. Longford Triathlon Club is committed to the implementation of this Child Safeguarding Statement and the policies and procedures that support our intention to keep children safe from harm while availing of our activities. This statement is published on our club website and has been provided to all club members and is readily available on request. This statement will be reviewed on the (insert date < 24months- must be updated sooner if personnel change).

Club Chairperson

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