



CHILD SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT – 2022

Area Name

ASKEATON/BALLYSTEEN

Section 1 – Community Games

ASKEATON/BALLYSTEEN Community Games provides various sporting activities and opportunities for young people through participation in areas, counties, regional/provincial events and through our national finals twice per year.

- Name: **ASKEATON/BALLYSTEEN**
- Sport: **Multi Sport**
- Location: **ASKEATON/BALLYSTEEN, ASKEATON, CO. LIMERICK**
- Size: **ASKEATON/BALLYSTEEN Community Games have 4 volunteers. Askeaton/Ballysteen Community Games has 80-100 children actively participating on an annual basis.**
- Activities: The activities are divided into two categories - individual and team. (delete the activities your Area is **Not** actively participating in or likely to be in the next two years) Individual events include Art, Cycling, Gymnastics, Swimming, Athletics track and field events- specifically Shot Putt, Javelin, Hurdles, Ball Throw, Long Jump and Cycling. Team events include Badminton, Draughts, Debating, Futsal, Gaelic Football, Hurling, Soccer (Indoor & Outdoor) Table Quiz, variety and Talent Events!

Section 2 - Principles to safeguard children from harm

ASKEATON/BALLYSTEEN Community Games is committed to safeguarding children and by working under the guidance of our *NGB* Safeguarding Policies volunteers, working with our young people throughout the Area seek to create a safe environment for young people to grow and develop within sport. The following set of principles should be adhered to:

- **Importance of childhood** - The importance of childhood should be understood and valued by everyone involved in sport.
- **Needs of the child** - All children's sport experiences should be guided by what is best for children. This means that adults should have a basic understanding of the emotional, physical and personal needs of young people.
- **Integrity in relationships** - Adults interacting with children in sport are in a position of trust and influence. They should always ensure that children are treated with integrity and respect, and the self-esteem of young people is enhanced.
- **Fair Play** - All children's sport should be conducted in an atmosphere of fair play. The principles of fair play should always be emphasised, and organisers should give clear guidelines regarding acceptable standards of behaviour.
- **Quality atmosphere & ethos** - Children's sport should be conducted in a safe, positive and encouraging atmosphere.
- **Competition** - Competition is an essential element of sport and should be encouraged in an age appropriate manner. A child centred ethos will help to ensure that competition and specialisation are kept in their appropriate place.



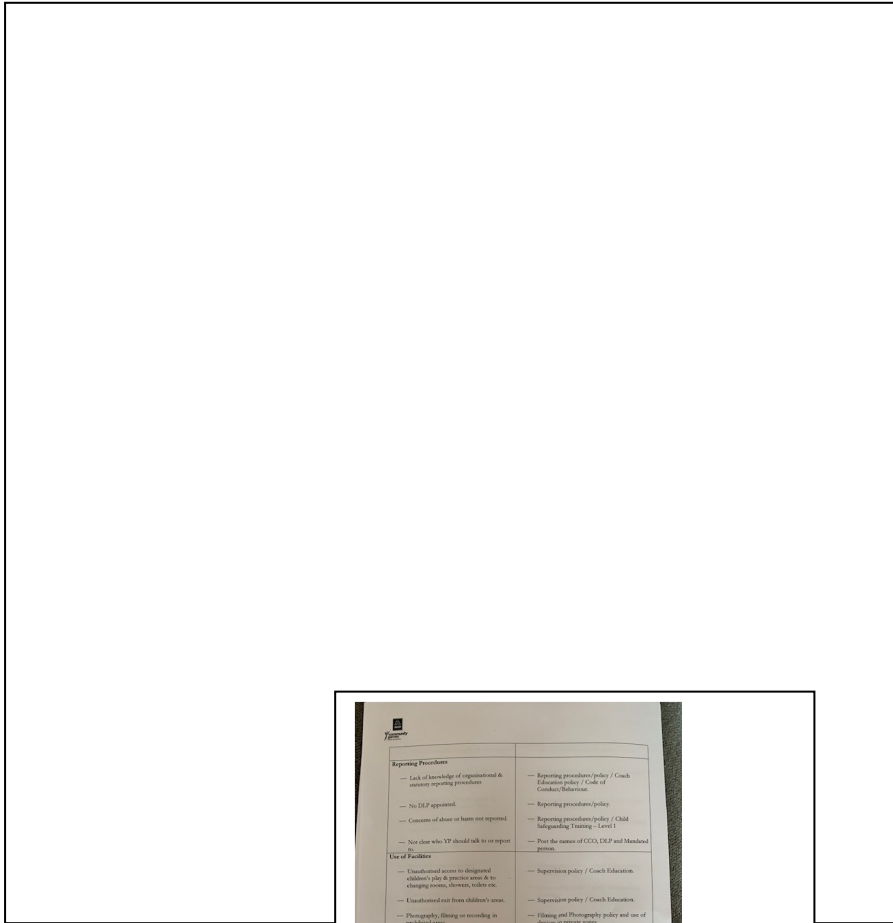
- Equality - All children should be valued and treated in an equitable and fair manner regardless of ability, age, gender, religion, social and ethnic background or political persuasion.

Section 3 - Risk Assessment

This ASKEATON/BALLYSTEEN Community Games written Risk Assessment document indicates the areas of potential risk of harm, the likelihood of the risk occurring, and gives the required policy, guidance or process documents require to alleviate these risks. The list of risks identified and procedures to manage these risks are contained in the following categories: (edit as required within your Area)

Risk Identified	Procedure in place to manage risk identified
Club and Coaching Practices	
— Lack of coaching qualification.	— Coach education policy/Volunteer Recruitment policy.
— Supervision issues.	— Supervision policy/Coach education policy
— Unauthorised photography & recording activities.	— Filming and Photography policy / Social Media Policy
— Behavioural Issues.	— Code of Conduct / Safeguarding 1 / Complaints & Disciplinary policy.
— Lack of gender balance amongst coaches	— Coach education policy / Supervision policy.
— Risk to Children through failure to implement guidance for traveling and away trips	— Travel/Away trip policy / Child Safeguarding Training.
— Lack of adherence with miscellaneous procedures in Safeguarding policy	— Safeguarding Policy / Complaints & Disciplinary Policy
Complaints & Discipline	
— Lack of awareness of a Complaints & Disciplinary policy.	— Complaints & Disciplinary Policy
— Difficulty in raising an issue by child & or parent	— Complaints & Disciplinary Policy —
— Complaints not being dealt with seriously	— Complaints & Disciplinary Policy.





<p>Reporting Procedures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Lack of knowledge of organizational & safety reporting procedures — No DLP reported — Contents of abuse or harm not reported — Not clear who VP should talk to or report to 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Reporting procedures policy / Coach Education policy / Code of Conduct/Behavior — Reporting procedures policy — Reporting procedures policy / Child Safeguarding Training - Level 1 — Post the names of COV, DLP, and Mandatory person
<p>Use of Facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Unauthorised access to designated children's play & practice areas & its changing rooms, showers, toilets etc — Unauthorised use from children's areas — Photography, filming or recording in prohibited areas — Missing or found child on site — Children sharing facilities with adults e.g. changing rooms, showers etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Supervision policy / Coach Education — Supervision policy / Coach Education — Filming and Photography policy and use of devices in private areas — Missing or found child policy — Safeguarding policy
<p>Recruitment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Recruitment of inappropriate people — Lack of clarity on roles — Unqualified or untrained people in role 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Volunteer Recruitment policy/Vetting Policy — Volunteer Recruitment policy — Volunteer Recruitment policy
<p>Communication</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Child Safeguarding Statement / Training Policy — Child Safeguarding Statement (display) / Code of Behaviour (display)

<p>Unauthorised photography & recording of activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Inappropriate use of social media & communication by under 18s — Inappropriate use of social media & communication with under 18s — Risk of harm of online abuse through social media 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Filming and Photography policy / Social Media Policy — Communication policy / Code of conduct/ Social Media Policy — Communication policy / Code of conduct/ Social Media Policy — Communication policy / Social Media Policy
<p>General Risk of Harm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Harm not being recognized — Harms caused by Child to Child — Harms caused by Coach to Child — Harms caused by Member to child — Visitor to Child — General Behavioural issues — Issues of Bullying — Vetting of staff/volunteers — Issues of Child Safety — Risk of infection from Covid 19 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Safeguarding policy / Child Safeguarding Training — Safeguarding policy / Child Safeguarding Training — Code of Conduct — Anti-Bullying policy — Recruitment policy / Vetting policy — Social Media / Child Safety policy — Sport specific policies on Social distancing and other practice guidelines for each contact activity

The Risk Assessment was undertaken on 22nd March 2022

