

CHILD SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT – 2023

Area Name
St Felims Cavan

Section 1 – Community Games

St Felims 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: **St Felims)**
- Sport: **Multi Sport**
- Location: **Ballinagh sports centre, Cavan**
- Size: **St Felime Community Games have 10 Volunteer Numbers). St Felims Community Games has approx 100 children actively participating on an annual basis.**

<p>Reporting Procedures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Lack of knowledge of organisational & statutory reporting procedures — No DLP appointed. — Concerns of abuse or harm not reported. — Not clear who YP should talk to or report to. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Reporting procedures/policy / Coach Education policy / Code of Conduct/Behaviour. — Reporting procedures/policy. — Reporting procedures/policy / Child Safeguarding Training – Level 1 — Post the names of CCO, DLP and Mandated person.
<p>Use of Facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Unauthorised access to designated children’s play & practice areas & to changing rooms, showers, toilets etc. — Unauthorised exit from children’s areas. — Photography, filming or recording in prohibited areas. — Missing or found child on site. — Children sharing facilities with adults e.g. dressing room, 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 zones. — 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>Communications</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. — Unauthorised photography & recording of activities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Child Safeguarding Statement / Training Policy. — Child Safeguarding Statement (display) / Code of Behaviour (distribute). — Filming and Photography policy / Social Media Policy

- **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 St Felims 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:

Risk Identified	Procedure in place to manage risk identified
<p>Club and Coaching Practices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Lack of coaching qualification. — Supervision issues. — Unauthorised photography & recording activities. — Behavioural Issues. — Lack of gender balance amongst coaches — Risk to Children through failure to implement guidance for travelling and away trips — Lack of adherence with miscellaneous procedures in Safeguarding policy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Coach education policy/Volunteer Recruitment policy. — Supervision policy/Coach education policy — Filming and Photography policy / Social Media Policy — Code of Conduct / Safeguarding 1 / Complaints & Disciplinary policy. — Coach education policy / Supervision policy. — Travel/Away trip policy / Child Safeguarding Training. — Safeguarding Policy / Complaints & Disciplinary Policy
<p>Complaints & Discipline</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Lack of awareness of a Complaints & Disciplinary policy. — Difficulty in raising an issue by child & or parent — Complaints not being dealt with seriously 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Complaints & Disciplinary Policy — Complaints & Disciplinary Policy — Complaints & Disciplinary Policy.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Inappropriate use of social media & communications by under 18's — Inappropriate use of social media & communications with under 18's. — Risk of harm of online abuse through Social Media 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Communications policy / Code of conduct/ Social Media Policy — Communications policy / Code of conduct/ Social Media policy — Communications policy/Social Media Policy
<p>General Risk of Harm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Harm not being recognised. — Harm caused by: Child to Child. Coach to Child. Volunteer to Child. Member to Child. Visitor to Child. — General behavioural issues. — Issues of Bullying. — Vetting of staff/volunteers. — Issues of Online 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 / Online Safety policy. — Sport specific policies on Social distancing and best practice guidelines for each contact activity.

The Risk Assessment was undertaken on 23 Mar 2023.

Section 4 – Procedures

Our Child Safeguarding Statement has been prepared in accordance with the legislative requirements contained in the Children First Act 2015, Children's First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children (2017), the Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995, Tusla's Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice. In addition to our Risk Assessment document described above, there are further procedures that support our intention to safeguard children while they are availing of our activities.

Community Games have the following procedures in place as part of our Safeguarding Policies:

- Procedures for the management of allegations of abuse or misconduct by staff or volunteers against a child availing of our activities.
- Procedures for the safe recruitment of staff and volunteers to work with children in our activities.
- Procedures for access to child safeguarding training and information, including the identification of the occurrence of harm.
- Procedure for reporting of child protection or welfare concerns to Statutory Authorities.
- Procedure for maintaining a list of the persons (if any) in the relevant service who are mandated persons.
- Procedure for appointing a relevant person.

Please note that all procedures listed are available on request.

The Mandated/Relevant Person for NGB is ***Donal Gillespie National Children's Officer.***

Contact: safeguarding@communitygames.ie

Mandated Persons within the Area are: (Insert any Mandated persons active within your Area) further information can be obtained from here <https://www.tusla.ie/children-first/mandated-persons/am-i-a-mandated-person/>

Section 5 – Implementation

We recognise that implementation is an ongoing process. Our Area is committed to the implementation of this Child Safeguarding Statement and the procedures that support our intention to keep children safe from harm while availing of our activities.

Please note the following:

- That all Volunteers have been furnished with a copy of this statement.
- This statement is available to parents/guardians, members of the public through Area Community Games website and on request.
- This statement will be displayed in a prominent place by the Area.

This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed on 23 March 2023

Signed: <u>Oliver Cullen</u>	Signed: <u>John Donohoe</u>
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Role (Chairperson): <u>Chairperson</u>	Role: Area Children's Officer
Date: <u>23/03/23</u>	Date: <u>23/3/23</u>

For queries on this Child Safeguarding Statement, please contact the Area Children's Officer John Donohoe

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