

## **CHILD SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT – 2023/2024**

### **AREA NAME**

Doon/Oola

### **SECTION 1 – COMMUNITY GAMES**

Doon/Oola Community Games provides various sporting, arts, general activities and opportunities for young people through participation in areas, counties, regional events and through our national finals twice per year.

### **OOLA/DOON COMMUNITY GAMES**

- **NAME:** Doon/Oola
- **SPORT:** Multi sport
- **LOCATION:** Doon/Oola
- **SIZE:** Doon/Oola Community Games currently have a 6 member committee but we are hoping to expand our volunteer and coach base.
- **ACTIVITIES**
  - **INDIVIDUAL** – art, model making, cycling, swimming, athletics track and field events
  - **TEAM** – badminton, basketball, Choir, Draughts, gaelic football, camogie, handball, hurling, rounders, rugby, tag rugby, soccer, table quiz and talent events.

### **SECTION 2 – PRINCIPLES TO SAFEGUARD CHILDREN FROM HARM**

Doon/Oola Community Games is committed to safeguarding children 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 express themselves within sport. The following set of principles should be adhered to:-

- **INCORPORATING 5 PRINCIPLES/PILLARS OF COACHING –**
  - Know the individual
  - Develop a culture of belonging
  - A balanced approach to competition
  - Positive coaching
  - Being a reflective coach
- **IMPORTANCE OF CHILDHOOD** – The importance of childhood should be valued by everyone in sport.
- **INTEGRITY IN RELATIONSHIPS** – Always throughout sport the self esteem and integrity of the child should be protected.
- **FAIR PLAY** – An atmosphere of fair play should always be encouraged. Coaches, organisers and volunteers should always give clear guidelines regarding acceptable standards of behaviour.
- **INCLUSIVITY** – All children should be equalised in particular at early formative stages where fun, equality and retention of the children in sport is paramount.
- **SENSE OF COMMUNITY** -All children regardless of ability, age, gender, religion, social and ethnic background should be entitled to be part of a community.

### SECTION 3 – RISK ASSESSMENT

RISK IDENTIFIED	PROCEDURE IN PLACE TO MANAGE RISK IDENTIFIED
<p><b>CLUB AND COACHING PRACTICES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lack of coaching qualification.</li> <li>- Supervision issues</li> <li>- Unauthorised photography and recording activities.</li> <li>- Behavioural issues.</li> <li>- Lack of gender balance amongst coaches</li> <li>- Risk to children through failure to implement guidance for travelling and away trips.</li> <li>- Lack of adherence with procedures in Safeguarding</li> </ul>	<p>Coach education policy/volunteer recruitment policy.</p> <p>Policies in place.</p> <p>Policies in place</p> <p>Code of conduct/safeguarding 1/ complaints + disciplinary policy.</p> <p>Coach education policy/supervision policy.</p> <p>Travel policy – child safeguarding training.</p> <p>Safeguarding and complaints and disciplinary policy.</p>
<p><b>COMPLAINTS AND DISCIPLINE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lack of awareness of a Complaints &amp; Disciplinary policy</li> </ul>	<p>Complaints and Disciplinary Policy</p>

<p><b>REPORTING PROCEDURES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lack of knowledge of organisational &amp; statutory reporting procedures</li> <li>- No DLP appointed</li> <li>- Not clear who YP should talk to or report</li> </ul> <p><b>RECRUITMENT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Potential for lack of clarity on roles.</li> </ul>	<p>Reporting procedures/policy/coach education policy/ code of conduct/behavior.</p> <p>State the names of the CCO, DLP and Mandated person.</p> <p>Volunteer Recruitment Policy.</p>
<p><b>COMMUNICATIONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lack of awareness of ‘risk of harm’</li> </ul>	<p>Child Safeguarding Statement.</p>

<p><b>GENERAL RISK OF HARM</b></p> <p>Harm caused by:  Child to Child  Coach to Child  Volunteer to Child  Visitor to Child</p> <p>Risk of infection from Covid 19</p>	<p>Code of Conduct.  Anti-bullying policy</p> <p>Contact tracing if a volunteer, coach or child tests positive.</p>
<p><b>USE OF FACILITIES</b></p> <p>Missing or found child on site</p> <p>Children sharing facilities with adults</p>	<p>Child safeguarding statement, missing or found child policy, regular head count policy.  Coach education.</p>

#### **SECTION 4 – PROCEDURES**

Our Child Safeguarding Statement has been prepared in accordance with the legislative requirements contained in the Children’s 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.

Relevant legislation:-

Child Care Act 1991

Protection for Persons Reporting Child Abuse Act 1998

Criminal Justice Act 2006

Criminal Justice (Withholding of Information on Offences against Children and Vulnerable Persons) Act 2012

National Vetting Bureau (Children and Vulnerable Persons) Act 2012


#### **SECTION 5 – IMPLEMENTATION**

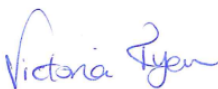
We recognise that implementation is a moving process. Our Area is committed to the implementation of this Child Safeguarding Statement and the procedures that support our intention to keep children safe and supported from harm while availing of our activities.

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 annually.

Signed:   
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Role: (Chairperson)  
Date:

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