

2018 Child Safeguarding Statement

Gymnastics Ireland provides sporting activities and opportunities for young people through participation in clubs, national events and our national teams. Gymnastics Ireland is committed to safeguarding children and affiliated clubs work under the guidance of our Safeguarding Policies. All our volunteers and staff working with our young people, throughout the organisation, seek to create a safe environment for young people to participate in our activities.

Our Club's written Safeguarding Risk Assessment document indicates the areas of potential risk of harm, the likelihood of the risk occurring, and gives the policy, guidance or process documents required to alleviate these risks. The list of risks identified is contained in the following categories: Club and Coaching Practices, Complaints & Discipline, Reporting Procedures, Use of Facilities, Recruitment, Communications and General Risk of Harm.

This Club's Child Safeguarding Statement has been 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). 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.

Gymnastics Ireland has the following procedures in place as part of our Safeguarding Code and Policies:

- Dealing with and reporting allegations of abuse or misconduct by staff or volunteers against a child availing of our activities
- Safe recruitment of staff and volunteers to work with children in our activities
- Access to child safeguarding training and information, including the identification of the occurrence of harm
- Appointment of Designated Liaison Persons at Club and National level
- Appointment of Children's Officers at Club and National level who shall be the relevant persons or first points of contact in respect of this statement

The Mandated Person appointed by Gymnastics Ireland is Dermot Howlin, phone 01/6251125.

We recognise that implementation is an ongoing process. Our Child Safeguarding Statement has been prepared in accordance with the requirements contained in the Children First Act 2015. Our Club is committed to the implementation of this Child Safeguarding Statement

This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed within 24 months before 11th March 2020.



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