

3. Cricket Ireland’s Safeguarding Statement

Each club must display its own Child Safeguarding Policy Statement (example template provided in ‘Policies section’) demonstrating its commitment to child safeguarding and follow the steps detailed in this manual.

Cricket Ireland is a National Governing Body providing sporting activities and opportunities for children and young people through participation in clubs, regional/provincial events and through our national teams. Cricket Ireland offers sporting activities to children and young people from the age of four years old.

Cricket Ireland is committed to safeguarding children and by working under the guidance of our Safeguarding Policies and procedures, our staff, both volunteers and employed working with our children and young people, seek to create a safe and fun environment for children and young people to participate in sport.

Cricket Ireland’s 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 required to alleviate these risks.

Cricket Ireland’s Child Safeguarding Statement has been developed in line with requirements under the Children First Act 2019, **(the Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children (2017), and Tusla’s Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice)**. Each Cricket Club under the NGB publishes their own Club Child Safeguarding Statement.

In addition to our risk assessment Cricket Ireland has further procedures that support our intention to safeguard children while they are availing of our activities.

Cricket Ireland has 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 and selection of staff and volunteers to work with children in our activities;
- Procedures for provision of and 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;
- All procedures/policies listed are available on Cricketireland.ie.

The Mandated Person for Cricket Ireland is **Isreal Ibenu**

We recognise that implementation is an ongoing process. We are committed to the implementation of this Child Safeguarding Statement and the accompanying child welfare safeguarding policies and procedures that support our intention to keep children safe from harm while participating in our activities. This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed on 31/03/2025 or as soon as practicable after there has been material change in any matter to which the statement refers.

This statement is published on the Cricket Ireland website and displayed in a prominent place on the premises. It has been provided to all staff, volunteers and any other persons involved with the service. It is readily accessible to parents and guardians on request. A copy of this Statement will be made available to Tusla and members of the public if requested.

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