



Clontarf Rugby Club - Child Safeguarding Statement

Clontarf Rugby Club ('Clontarf') is committed to the enjoyment of rugby by young people. It values and encourages the participation of parents, coaches and volunteers in rugby for participants under 18-years of age. Clontarf endorses the policy of the IRFU with respect to safeguarding children, which is to respect the dignity and rights of Age Grade Players. Clontarf will strive throughout its organisation and spheres of influence to promote, create and maintain safe environments for Age Grade Players. It will endeavour to maintain the key values of Respect, Inclusivity, Integrity, Excellence and Fun. The detailed safeguarding policy of the IRFU can be found here, <https://www.irishrugby.ie/playing-the-game/spirit-of-rugby/safeguarding/safeguarding-policy/> and the Sports Councils' Code of Ethics should be used where the IRFU has not published specific guidelines.

Following a risk assessment for any potential harm to a child while involved in rugby we have identified areas of risk and the list of procedures to be put in place to manage these risks.

Our child safeguarding statement has been developed in lines with requirements under the Children First Act 2015 and the Club Framework for Safeguarding Standards. In addition to the procedures listed in our risk assessment, the following procedures are in place as part of the Clontarf Safeguarding Policy and support our intention to safeguard children:

- Procedure for the safe recruitment and selection of workers and volunteers to work with children
- Procedure for provision of and access to child safeguarding training and information, including the identification of the occurrence of harm
- Procedure for the reporting of child protection and welfare concerns
- Procedure for the management of allegation of abuse or misconduct against workers/volunteers of a child availing of our service

All Safeguarding procedures are available on our website . Clontarf expects those involved with age grade rugby to adopt and supervise the implementation of these Safeguarding principles and standards.

We recognise that implementation is an ongoing process. We are committed to the implementation of this Child Safeguarding Statement and accompanying safeguarding policy to keep children involved in rugby safe from harm.

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