

Kilcoole AC Child Safeguarding Statement.

Kilcoole AC is committed to safeguarding children and young people. All our volunteers and staff working with children throughout the organisation, seek to create a safe environment for children and young people to participate in athletics. This club's Safeguarding Risk Assessment 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. The list of risks identified are contained in the following categories: Club and Coaching Practices; Complaints & Disciplinary; Reporting Procedures; Use of Facilities; Recruitment; Communications; and General Risk of Harm.

This club has the following procedures in place as part of the Athletics Ireland Safeguarding Code. –

- 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 the reporting of child protection or welfare concerns to the Statutory Authorities.

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 members of our club.

Kilcoole AC is committed to ensuring that all young people who play sport have a safe and positive experience. The club is committed to developing and implementing policies and procedures to ensure that everyone knows and accepts their responsibility in relation to a duty of care for young people. Kilcoole AC recognises that it is not the responsibility of those individuals working within the club to determine if abuse has taken place, but it is their responsibility to act upon and report any concerns. If any person within the club has a doubt to this policy's relevance to their role and duties, then please contact the clubs Child Welfare Officer kilcooleacchildwelfare@gmail.com

The Club and those involved with the club will abide by the following principles and statements: All young people within Kilcoole AC, regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, race, religion, sexual orientation, ability or disability, have the right to be protected.

- All young people participating in sport have a right to do so in a safe environment.
- All adults involved with the club will provide a safe, positive and fun sporting experience for young people.
- All volunteers, coaches and officials will understand and be supported in their role and responsibility with regard to the duty of care for young people.
- All suspicions and allegations will be taken seriously, managed and dealt with swiftly and appropriately.
- The club will assist coaches, volunteers and officials to remain up-to-date with the latest safeguarding and child protection issues.
- The club will appoint one or more Child Welfare Officer whose role is to be responsible for issues concerning child welfare at the club.