



1. NAME OF SERVICE BEING PROVIDED

North County Cricket Club aim to foster and promote participation in the sport of cricket within the community by providing facilities for playing cricket, opportunities for recreation, coaching and competition.

Club Name : North County Cricket Club

Location : The Inch, Balrothery, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin K32 EV99

Size of Club : 70 Adult Members & 75 Juvenile Members

2. NATURE OF SERVICE AND PRINCIPLES TO SAFEGUARD CHILDREN FROM HARM

North County Cricket Club is committed to safeguarding children and young people under the guidance of Cricket Ireland & Cricket Leinster Safeguarding Policies which we have adopted. All our volunteers and staff working with children throughout the club seek to create a safe environment for children to grow, develop and participate in our sport.

Our club believes that the best interests of children and young people availing of our services are paramount. Our guiding principles are underpinned by *Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children* and the guidelines contained in the *Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Children's Sport*. Our guiding principles apply to all staff, volunteers & committee members. All club members must sign up to and abide by these guiding principles and our child safeguarding procedures.

3. RISK ASSESSMENT

The North County CC 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 require to alleviate these risks. The list of risks identified and procedures to manage these risks are contained in the following categories:



Risk Identified	Procedure in place to manage risk identified
1. Communications & Social Media	Social Media Policy Texts/Whatsapp Groups & Emails Policy
2. Photography & Video	Photography/Video Policy Photography on Websites Policy
3. Coaching Sessions	Coaching Policy Safeguarding Policy including : Safe Recruitment & Safeguarding Training Policy Garda Vetting, Coach Education Ethos
4. Children in Adult Cricket	Children in Adult Cricket Policy Minimum Ages Policy
5. Physical Contact	Physical Contact Policy
6. Bullying	Anti-Bullying Policy Code of Conduct
7. Late Collection of Children	Late Collection of Children Policy
8. Travel / Away Games	Transport Policy
9. Facilities	Changing Rooms & Showering Facilities Policy
10. Reporting Concerns	Safeguarding Policy (Publish CCO & DLP Details) Safeguarding Training Policy



4. PROCEDURES

Our 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 the procedures listed in our risk assessment, Cricket Ireland & Cricket Leinster have the following safeguarding information & associated procedures which our club has adopted, to support our intention to safeguard children.

Procedures for management of allegations of abuse or misconduct

Procedures for safe recruitment of workers and volunteers

Procedures for provision of and access to child safeguarding training and information

Procedures for reporting welfare concerns to Statutory Authorities

Procedures for appointing a relevant person & maintaining a list of relevant/mandated persons

These procedures are available on request & information can be found on the Cricket Ireland website: <https://cricketireland.ie/club/safeguarding/>

5. IMPLEMENTATION

We recognise that implementation is an on-going process. Our club is committed to the implementation of this Child Safeguarding Statement and the procedures that support our intention to keep children safe from harm while availing of our service. This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed at minimum every 2 years, or as soon as practicable after that where there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers.

This statement will be displayed in a prominent place on the club notice board in the entrance hall of our club. It will also be posted on the club website.

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Signed: _____

Joseph Murphy

Chairperson North County CC

Date: 27th February 2024

Signed: _____

Paula Hickey

Club Childrens Officer

Date: 27th February 2024

For queries on this Child Safeguarding Statement, please contact the **Club Children’s Officer**.