

Risk Assessment Document for St. Patrick's AFC

This risk assessment considers the potential for harm to come to children whilst they are in **St. Patrick's AFC** care. This risk assessment precedes the Child Safeguarding Statement (Section 11 (1b) Children First Act 2015) which is developed following this risk assessment process. In accordance with the requirements of Section 11 (1) of the Children First Act 2015 the risk is of abuse and not general health and safety risk (covered under a separate H&S policy and risk assessment).

Section 11 (1) of the Children First Act 2015 states that where a person proposes to operate as a provider of a relevant service, he or she shall, within 3 months from the date on which he or she commences as such a provider —

(a) Undertake an assessment of any potential for harm to a child while availing of the service (in this section referred to as a “risk”).

Potential risk of harm to children	Likelihood of harm happening L-M-H	Required Policy, Guidance and Procedure document	Responsibility Club/Region/National	Further action required ...
CLUB & COACHING PRACTICES				
Lack of coaching qualification	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure all coaches hold relevant qualifications 	Club	<i>Proof of qualification to be confirmed and retained on record</i>
Supervision issues	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure all coaches and supervisors have attended child protection course 	Club	<i>Proof of qualification to be confirmed and retained on record</i>
Unauthorised photography & recording activities	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Photography and Use of Images to be as per CDJL & FAI policy 	Club/ League / FAI	<i>Ongoing review</i>

Behavioural Issues	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Code of Conduct • Safeguarding Level 1 (min) • Complaints & Disciplinary policy 	Club	<i>Ongoing review</i>
Lack of gender balance amongst coaches	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Try and recruit more female coaches. 	Club / League /FAI	<i>Ongoing review</i>

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No guidance for travelling and away trips	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents or Coach only to bring children to games. 	Club / Parents	<i>Ongoing review</i>
Lack of adherence with misc procedures in Safeguarding policy (i.e. mobile, photography, transport)	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Code of Conduct • Complaints & Disciplinary policy 		<i>Ongoing review</i>

COMPLAINTS & DISCIPLINE

Lack of awareness of a Complaints & Disciplinary policy	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Code of Conduct • Complaints & Disciplinary policy 	Club	<i>All children to be advised of policy at start of season and sign code of conduct.</i>
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Difficulty in raising an issue by child & or parent Reason: Covered above	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Code of Conduct • Complaints & Disciplinary policy 		<i>All children to be advised of policy at start of season and sign code of conduct.</i>
Complaints not being dealt with seriously	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Code of Conduct • Complaints & Disciplinary policy 		<i>All children to be advised of policy at start of season and sign code of conduct.</i>
REPORTING PROCEDURES				
Lack of knowledge of organisational and statutory reporting procedures	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reporting procedure s/policy • Coach education policy • Code of Conduct 	Club	<i>Make policies and procedures available Include in Safeguarding Training (L1) Include in Coach Education Training</i>
No Mandated Person appointed	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reporting procedures/policy 	Club	<i>Publicise identity of Mandated Person Train Mandated Person in their role</i>
No DLP Appointed	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reporting procedures/policy 	Club	<i>Maintain a DLP / Child Protection Officer at all times.</i>
Concerns of abuse or harm not reported	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reporting procedures/policy 	Club	<i>Include in Safeguarding Training (L1)</i>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child Safeguarding Training – Level 1 		
<p>Not clear who YP should talk to or report to</p>	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Post the names of committee members and Child Welfare Officer in the Clubhouse and online. Each child /team/ parent advised at the start of season who the Child welfare Officer is. 	Club	<p><i>Communicate in Club Include in Safeguarding Training (L1)</i></p>
FACILITIES				
<p>Unauthorised access to designated children's play & practice areas and to changing rooms, showers, toilets etc.</p>	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coach education 	Club	<p><i>Clarify responsibilities before session starts</i></p>

Unauthorised exit from children's areas	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coach education 	Club	<i>Clarify responsibilities before session starts</i>
Photography, filming or recording in prohibited areas	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sign to be erected in changing area. 	Club	<i>Enforce policy in private changing and wet areas</i>
Missing or found child on site	L		Club	<i>Refer to policy and inform Gardai</i>
Children sharing facilities with adults e.g. dressing room, showers etc.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safeguarding policy 	Club	<i>Plan with facilities management to create a suitable child centred environment in shared facilities. No adult games to be programmed at same time as Juvenile games.</i>
RECRUITMENT				
Recruitment of inappropriate people	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Coaches and volunteers require Garda vetting 	Club	<i>Ongoing review</i>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 		

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				<i>Put supervision in place</i>
Unqualified or untrained people in role		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recruitment policy 	Club	<i>Check qualification Ongoing review</i>
COMMUNICATIONS AND SOCIAL MEDIA				

Lack of awareness of ‘risk of harm’ with members and visitors	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Safeguarding Statement • Training policy 	National Club DLP CCO	<i>Communicate Child Safeguarding Statement</i>
No communication of Child Safeguarding Statement or Code of Behaviour to members or visitors		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Safeguarding Statement – display • Code of Behaviour - distribute 	Club Executive County Committee DLP Children’s Officer	<i>Communicate Child Safeguarding Statement Distribute Code or Sections as appropriate</i>
Unauthorised photography & recording of activities		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photography and Use of Images policy 		<i>Ongoing review</i>
Inappropriate use of social media and communications by under 18’s		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communications policy • Code of conduct 		<i>Ongoing review</i>
Inappropriate use of social media and communications with under 18’s		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communications policy • Code of conduct. 		<i>Ongoing review</i>
GENERAL RISK OF HARM				
Harm not being recognised		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Safeguarding Training 		<i>Ongoing review</i>
Harm caused by - child to child	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Code of Conduct 		<i>Ongoing review</i>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • coach to child • volunteer to child • member to child • visitor to child 	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Safeguarding Training 		
General behavioural issues	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Code of Conduct 		<i>Take disciplinary action where necessary</i> <i>Sign code of conduct</i>

Explanation of terms used:

- **Potential risk of harm to children** – these are identified risks of harm to children whilst accessing activities in the Club/Region/Province/NGB.
- **Likelihood of harm happening** – the likelihood of the risk occurring in the club/region/NGB measured by you as Low/Medium or High.
- **Required Policy, Guidance and Procedure document** – indication of the policy required to alleviate the risk.
- **Responsibility** – provider should indicate where the responsibility for alleviating the risk lies.
- **Further action...** - indicates further action that might be necessary to alleviate any risk ongoing.

This Risk Assessment document has been discussed and completed by **St. Patrick's AFC** on the 20/05/2023

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