

CHILD SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT – 2022

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| <u>Skibbereen</u> |

Section 1 – Community Games

Skibbereen Community Games provides various sporting activities and opportunities for young people through participation in areas, counties, regional/provincial events and through our national finals twice per year.

- Name: **Skibbereen**
- Sport: Multi Sport
- Location: Skibbereen, Co. Cork
- Size: Skibbereen Community Games have 20 Volunteers. Skibbereen Community Games has 60 Children registered per year approximately children actively participating on an annual basis.
- Activities: The activities are divided into two categories - individual and team.
Individual events include Art, Model Making, Gymnastics, Swimming, Athletics track and field events- specifically Shot Putt, Discus, Javelin, Hurdles, Ball Throw and Long Jump.
Team events include Badminton, Basketball, Camogie, Chess, Choir, Draughts, Debating, Gaelic Football, Hurling, Rugby, Tag Rugby, Soccer (Indoor & Outdoor), Table Tennis, Table Quiz, Pitch & Putt, Variety and Talent Events!

Section 2 - Principles to safeguard children from harm

Skibbereen Community Games is committed to safeguarding children and by working under the guidance of our NGB Safeguarding Policies volunteers, working with our young people throughout the Area seek to create a safe environment for young people to grow and develop within sport. The following set of principles should be adhered to:

- **Importance of childhood** - The importance of childhood should be understood and valued by everyone involved in sport.
- **Needs of the child** - All children's sport experiences should be guided by what is best for children. This means that adults should have a basic understanding of the emotional, physical and personal needs of young people.
- **Integrity in relationships** - Adults interacting with children in sport are in a position of trust and influence. They should always ensure that children are treated with integrity and respect, and the self-esteem of young people is enhanced.
- **Fair Play** - All children's sport should be conducted in an atmosphere of fair play. The principles of fair play should always be emphasised, and organisers should give clear guidelines regarding acceptable standards of behaviour.
- **Quality atmosphere & ethos** - Children's sport should be conducted in a safe, positive and encouraging atmosphere.
- **Competition** - Competition is an essential element of sport and should be encouraged in an age-appropriate manner. A child centred ethos will help to ensure that competition and specialisation are kept in their appropriate place.
- **Equality** - All children should be valued and treated in an equitable and fair manner regardless of ability, age, gender, religion, social and ethnic background or political persuasion.

Section 3 - Risk Assessment

- Procedures for 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.
- Procedure for maintaining a list of the persons (if any) in the relevant service who are mandated persons.
- Procedure for appointing a relevant person.

Please note that all procedures listed are available on request.

The Mandated/Relevant Person for NGB is **Donal Gillespie National Children's Officer**.

Contact: safeguarding@communitygames.ie

Mandated Persons within the Area are: (Clíodhna O'Sullivan, Annette Cadogan) further information can be obtained from here <https://www.tusla.ie/children-first/mandated-persons/am-i-a-mandated-person/>


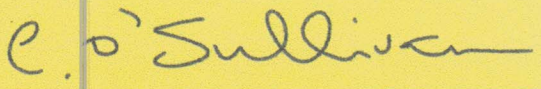
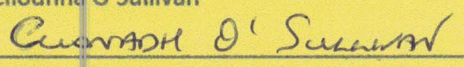
Section 5 – Implementation

We recognise that implementation is an ongoing process. Our Area 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 activities.

Please note the following:

- That all Volunteers have been furnished with a copy of this statement.
- This statement is available to parents/guardians, members of the public through Area Community Games website and on request.
- This statement will be displayed in a prominent place by the Area.

This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed in **March 2024**

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| Signed:  | Signed:  |
| Name: <u>PAT FITZGERALD</u> | Name: Clíodhna O'Sullivan  |
| Role: (Chairperson) _____ | Role: Area Children's Officer |
| Date: <u>1/3/22</u> | Date: <u>1/3/22</u> |

For queries on this Child Safeguarding Statement, please contact the Skibbereen Area Children's Officer (Clíodhna O'Sullivan).

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