

## Club Safeguarding statement

### **Dundalk Cricket Club** Child Safeguarding Statement – 2021

Dundalk Cricket Club (DCC) provides sporting activities and opportunities for children and young people and 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 cricket.

DCC's written Safeguarding 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 required to alleviate these risks. The list of risks identified are contained in the following categories: Club and Coaching Practices; Complaints & Discipline; Reporting Procedures; Use of Facilities; Recruitment; Communications; and General Risk of Harm.

DCC'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 availing of our activities.

Cricket Ireland has the following procedures, adopted by our clubs, in place as part of our Safeguarding Policies:

- 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 reporting of child protection or welfare concerns to Statutory Authorities.
- Procedure for organising activities safely within the Covid-19 guidelines

Cricket Ireland Mandated Person: <b>Joy O'Neill NSO</b>
Club Designated Liaison Person: <b>Michael Hughes</b>
Club Children's Officer: <b>Michael Hughes</b>

We recognise that implementation is an ongoing process. We are 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 services. This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed annually.

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

Declaration of Club Chairperson: I, Ian Chong, as Club Chairperson, will uphold this club statement and keep DCC committed to its Child Safeguarding policy.

Date: 09/02/2021.

Declaration of Club Children's Officer: I, Michael Hughes, as Club Children's Officer, will uphold this club statement and keep DCC committed to its Child Safeguarding policy.

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