

CRICKET IRELAND Club Safeguarding Risk Assessment Document 2026 - Dundalk Cricket Club



This risk assessment considers the potential for harm to come to children whilst they are in your club's 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 harm, 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-	Code of Ethics required Policy or Guidance document	Responsibility for risk	Further action required ...
CLUB & COACHING PRACTICES				
Lack of coaching qualifications	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Club code of conduct ▪ Safeguarding training 	Club committee Club Children's officer Team captains	Club to maintain a list of persons involved with youth players/training, promote safeguarding training and encourage coach education (seek funding for coach)
Supervision issues	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Club code of conduct ▪ Safeguarding training 	Club committee Childrens' Officer	Ensure roles and policies understood; Plan for two adults to be present until children
Unauthorised photography & recording activities	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Code of conduct 	Club committee Team captains Club Children's Officer	Ensure policies are accessible and promoted to members; parents to know club guidance on taking photos/videos; Ongoing review
Behavioural Issues – peer to peer and leader behaviour (bullying)	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Code of conduct ▪ Safeguarding Training ▪ Complaints & Disciplinary policy 	Club committee Club Children's Officer	All club members must agree to code of conduct that includes rules on safety of children; parents to receive code of conduct
Covid-19	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Adherence to Cricket Ireland advice and government guidelines 	Club committee	Ongoing review
Travelling and away trips	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Code of conduct ▪ Safeguarding Training 	Club committee Team captains	Make policies available to all involved pre-travel, including children to travel with club member
Changing rooms and general supervision	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Safeguarding Training ▪ Complaints & disciplinary policy ▪ Code of conduct 	Club committee Club Children's officer	Ongoing review, but plan for children to arrive already changed for training and matches and for supervision in training and games (i.e. if two adults present at a game, both will not umpire

COMPLAINTS & DISCIPLINARY				
Lack of awareness of a Complaints & Disciplinary policy and process	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Child safeguarding policy ▪ Complaints & Disciplinary process from Code of Conduct 	Club committee Club Children's officer Club PRO	Communication required within the club to ensure policies and procedures are accessible and known
REPORTING PROCEDURES				
Lack of awareness of Mandated person	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Child safeguarding statement 	Club committee	Publicise identity of Mandated person to club members and parents/guardians of youth members
FACILITIES				
Unauthorised access to designated children's play & practice areas and to changing rooms, toilets etc.	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Code of conduct ▪ Coach education (safeguarding 1) 	Club committee Club children's officer	Clarify roles and responsibilities prior to session starting
Unauthorised exit from children's areas	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Supervision policy ▪ Coach education (SG 1) 	Club committee Club coach Club Children's Officer	Clarify responsibilities before session starts
RECRUITMENT				
Recruitment of inappropriate people	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Safe recruitment policy ▪ Vetting policy 	Club committee	Ensure a comprehensive induction period for new sports leaders. Ongoing review
COMMUNICATIONS AND SOCIAL MEDIA				
Inappropriate use of social media and communications by and towards Under-18's	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Code of conduct 	Club Children's officer Club committee	Communicate code of conduct; parents/guardians of Under-18s to be on team communication lists (WhatsApp etc)
GENERAL RISK OF HARM				
Harm not being recognised	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Child Safeguarding Training ▪ Code of conduct 	Club committee Club Children's officer	Ensure key club personnel are up-to-date on Safeguarding training (at least Level 1); Code of Conduct on website etc

This Child Protection Risk Assessment document has been discussed and reviewed by the following

(Dundalk Cricket Club on 14/01/2026)

CLUB CHAIRPERSON STATEMENT: I, Feargus Boyle, have reviewed the above risk assessment and will help Dundalk Cricket Club to implement its child safeguarding policy.

CLUB CHILDREN'S OFFICER STATEMENT: I, Jiwan Jodhani, have reviewed the above risk assessment and will help Dundalk Cricket Club to implement its child safeguarding policy.



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