



BALLYROAN JUNIOR CHESS & SOCIAL CLUB

“THE KNIGHTS OF ÉANNA”

CHILD SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

In accordance with the requirements of the Children First Act 2015, Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children 2017, the Child Protection Procedures for Non-for profit/Voluntary Clubs 2017 and Tusla Guidance on the preparation of Child Safeguarding Statements, the Volunteer Board for the Ballyroan Community Chess Club has agreed the Child Safeguarding Statement set out in this document.

- 1 The Board has adopted and will implement fully and without modification the Child Protection Procedures for Non-for profit/Voluntary Clubs 2017 as part of this overall Child Safeguarding Statement
- 2 The Designated Liaison Person (DLP) is John David Grant
- 3 The Deputy Designated Liaison Person (Deputy DLP is John Purcell
- 4 The Club’s board recognises that child protection and welfare considerations permeate all aspects of club life and must be reflected in all of the club’s policies, procedures, practices and activities, the club will adhere to the following principles of best practice in child protection and welfare:
The club will:
 - recognise that the protection and welfare of children is of paramount importance, regardless of all other considerations;
 - fully comply with its statutory obligations under the Children First Act 2015 and other relevant legislation relating to the protection and welfare of children;
 - fully co-operate with the relevant statutory authorities in relation to child protection and welfare matters
 - adopt safe practices to minimise the possibility of harm or accidents happening to children and protect workers from the necessity to take unnecessary risks that may leave themselves open to accusations of abuse or neglect;
 - develop a practice of openness with parents and encourage parental involvement.
 - fully respect confidentiality requirements in dealing with child protection matters.

The club will also adhere to the above principles in relation to any adult member with a special vulnerability.

- 5 The following procedures/measures are in place:

- In relation to the selection or recruitment of staff and their suitability to work with children, the club adheres to the statutory vetting requirements of the National Vetting Bureau (Children and Vulnerable Persons) Acts 2012 to 2016 and to the wider duty of care guidance set out in relevant Garda vetting and recruitment circulars.
- In relation to the provision of information and, where necessary, instruction and training, to volunteers in respect of the identification of the occurrence of harm (as defined in the 2015 Act) the club-
 - Has provided each member with a copy of the club’s Child Safeguarding Statement
 - Encourages volunteers to avail of relevant training
 - Encourages Club’s board members to avail of relevant training
 - The Club’s board maintains records of all volunteers and Board member training
- In relation to reporting of child protection concerns to Tusla, all club volunteers are required to adhere to the procedures set out in the Child Protection Procedures for Non-profit/Voluntary clubs 2017, in relation to mandated reporting under the Children First Act 2015.
- In this club has appointed the above named DLP as the “relevant person” (as defined in the Children First Act 2015) to be the first point of contact in respect of the child safeguarding statement.
- In accordance with the Children First Act 2015, the Board has carried out an assessment of any potential for harm to a child while attending the club or participating in club activities. A written assessment setting out the areas of risk identified and the club’s procedures for managing those risks is attached as an appendix to this statement.
- The various procedures referred to in this Statement can be accessed via the club’s website, or will be made available on request by the club.

Note: The above is not intended as an exhaustive list. The club shall also include in this section such other procedures/measures that are of relevance to the club in question.

6 This statement has been published on the club’s website and has been provided to all members of club. It is readily accessible to parents and guardians on request. A copy of this Statement will be made available to Tusla and the DDLETB if requested.

7 This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed annually or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which this statement refers.

This Child Safeguarding Statement was adopted by the Club’s board on 31/05/2018

Signed: _____

Chairperson of the Club

Signed: _____

Secretary of the Club

Date: _____

Date: _____



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Child Safeguarding Written Assessment of Risk 2018

In accordance with section 11 of the Children First Act 2015 and with the requirement of Chapter 8 of the *Child Protection Procedures for Non-for profit/Voluntary Clubs*, the following is the Written Risk Assessment of the;

Ballyroan Junior Chess & Social Club.

1. List of Club activities

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- 2 The participation in physical activities (paintballing, hill-walks ect.)
- 3 The training of members by club coaches on club nights
- 4 The participation in (one day) chess competitions
- 5 The participation in weekend chess competitions
- 6 The open door night for visitors / new members
- 7 The participation in local community events
- 8 The clubs ongoing fundraising activities

2. The club has identified the following risk of harm in respect of its activities –

- 1 The main risk to junior members/vulnerable young adults may be from peer pressure from our members via the medium of social media,
- 2 Another area is that of supervision of juniors whilst attending training sessions by the club coaches,
- 3 We have concerns over late night (night time) supervision on weekend trips,
- 4 The unease that junior members may have in dealing with the public when on fundraising

activities within the local community,

- 5 The risk to junior members in dealing with disappointment over their results in competitions,

3. The club has the following procedures in place to address the risks of harm identified in this assessment -

1. Workshops on internet safety and the safe use of technology will be provided to educate the Students on the risks.
2. Students will research safe internet use.
3. Prohibited websites are blocked from the club's computer internet system.
4. Junior members may only participate on online chess sites under supervision of their coaches.
5. No phones will be permitted during chess practice to limit online use and to eliminate contact with unknown persons.

The junior members are to be supervised by no less than 3 trained volunteers at all times whilst on club premises.

All over-night supervision is to be done with the club's own guidelines in relations to overnight stay's and travel held within the club's Over-Night Supervision and Travel Policy

Training/Work shop is to be provided to all junior members prior to any public fundraising, training will be in line with best practice for voluntary organisations and in accordance with all by-laws of the state.

All junior members are encouraged to express their emotions in an open and safe way through collective support group sessions held at all competitions, these sessions comprise of peer support in a fun and forgiving setting overseen by the Adult volunteers which are accompanying the club's members.

Important Note: It should be noted that risk in the context of this risk assessment is the risk of "harm" as defined in the Children First Act 2015 and not general health and safety risk.

In undertaking this risk assessment, the board has endeavoured to identify as far as possible the risks of harm that are relevant to this club and to ensure that adequate procedures are in place to manage all risks identified. While it is not possible to foresee and remove all risk of harm, the club has in place the procedures listed in this risk assessment to manage and reduce risk to the greatest possible extent.

This risk assessment has been completed by the Board of the Club on 31/05/2018. It shall be reviewed as part of the Club's annual review of its Child Safeguarding Statement.

Signed _____ Date _____

Club Chairperson,

Signed _____ Date _____

Club/Secretary,



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Checklist for Review of the Child Safeguarding Statement

The *Child Protection Procedures for Non-for profit/Voluntary Clubs 2017* require the Board to undertake a review of its Child Safeguarding Statement and that the following checklist shall be used for this purpose. The review must be completed every year or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the Child Safeguarding Statement refers. Undertaking an annual review will also ensure that the club also meets its statutory obligation under section 11(8) of the Children First Act 2015, to review its Child Safeguarding Statement every two years.

The checklist is designed as an aid to conducting this review and is not intended as an exhaustive list.

As part of the overall review process, the club will also assess relevant club policies, procedures, practices and activities vis a vis their adherence to the principles of best practice in child protection and welfare as set out in the club’s Child Safeguarding Statement, the Children First Act 2015 and the *Child Protection Procedures for Non-for profit/Voluntary Clubs 2017*.

1. Has the Board formally adopted a Child Safeguarding Statement in accordance with the ‘Child Protection Procedures for Non-for profit/Voluntary Clubs 2017’?	YES
2. As part of the club’s Child Safeguarding Statement, has the Board formally adopted, without modification, the ‘Child Protection Procedures Policy’?	YES
3. Does the Club’s Child Safeguarding Statement include a written assessment of risk as required under the Children First Act 2015?	YES
4. Has the Board reviewed and updated where necessary the written assessment of risk as part of this overall review?	YES
5. Has the DLP attended available child protection training?	YES
6. Has the Deputy DLP attended available child protection training?	YES
7. Have any members of the Board attended child protection training?	YES
8. Are there both a DLP and a Deputy DLP currently appointed?	YES
9. Are the relevant contact details (Tusla and An Garda Síochána) to hand?	

10. Has the Board arrangements in place to communicate the club's Child Safeguarding Statement to new Club personnel?	YES
11. Is the Board satisfied that all volunteers have been made aware of their responsibilities under the 'Child Protection Procedures for Non for Profit organisations' and the Children First Act 2015?	YES
12. Has the Board received the Chairperson's Child Protection Oversight Report at each Board meeting held since the last review was undertaken?	NO
13. Since the Board's last review, was the Board informed of any child protection reports made to Tusla/An Garda Síochána by the DLP?	NO
14. Since the Board's last review, was the Board informed of any cases where the DLP sought advice from Tusla/and as a result of this advice, no report to the HSE was made?	YES
15. Since the Board's last review, was the Board informed of any cases where an allegation of abuse or neglect was made against any member of Club's personnel?	NO
16. Has the Board been provided with and reviewed all documents relevant to the Chairperson's Child Protection Oversight Report?	NO
17. Is the Board satisfied that the child protection procedures in relation to the making of reports to Tusla/An Garda Síochána were appropriately followed in each case reviewed?	YES
18. Is the Board satisfied that, since the last review, all appropriate actions are being or have been taken in respect of any member of club's volunteer against whom an allegation of abuse or neglect has been made?*	
19. Were child protection matters reported to the Board appropriately recorded in the Board minutes?	
20. Is the Board satisfied that all records relating to child protection are appropriately filed and stored securely?	YES
21. Has the Board been notified by any parent in relation to that parent not receiving the standard notification required under section 5.6 of the 'Child Protection Procedures.	NO
22. In relation to any cases identified at question 21 above, has the Board ensured that any notifications required section 5.6 of the 'Child Protection Procedures were subsequently issued by the DLP?	
23. Has the Board ensured that the club's Child Safeguarding Statement is available to parents on request?	YES
24. Has the Board ensured that the Stay Safe programme is implemented in full in the club	NO
25. Is the Board satisfied that the statutory requirements for Garda Vetting have been met in respect of all club volunteers	YES
26. Has the Board considered and addressed any complaints or suggestions for improvements regarding the club's Child Safeguarding Statement?	YES
27. Has the Board sought the feedback of parents in relation to the club's compliance with the requirements of the child safeguarding requirements of the 'Child Protection Procedures.	NO
28. Has the Board sought the feedback of members in relation to the club's child safeguarding arrangements?	NO
29. Has the Board identified any aspects of the club's Child Safeguarding Statement and/or its implementation that require further improvement?	YES
30. Has the Board put in place an action plan containing appropriate timelines to address those aspects of the club's Child Safeguarding Statement and/or its implementation that have been identified as requiring further improvement?	NO
31. Has the Board ensured that any areas for improvement that were identified in any previous review of the club's Child Safeguarding Statement have been adequately addressed?	

Signed _____ Date _____

Chairperson,

Signed _____ Date _____

Secretary to the Club's Oversight Board



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Notification regarding the Board of Volunteer’s review of the Child Safeguarding Statement

To: _____

The Volunteer Board of Ballyroan Junior Chess & Social Club wishes to inform you that:

- The Board’s annual review of the club’s Child Safeguarding Statement was completed at
a Board meeting held on _____
- This review was conducted in accordance with the “Checklist for Review of the Club’s
Child Safeguarding Statement”

Signed _____ Date _____

Chairperson, Ballyroan Junior Chess & Social Club

Signed _____ Date _____

Secretary to the Club’s Oversight Board