



Cricket Ireland Child Safeguarding Statement

Section 1 - Club Information

Lismore Cricket Club provides various sporting activities and opportunities for young people through participation in clubs, regional/provincial events and through our national teams.

Club Name: Lismore Cricket Club

Sport: Cricket

Location: Lismore County Waterford

Size (Number of staff/members): 100

Section 2 - Principles to safeguard children from harm

Lismore Cricket Club is committed to safeguarding children and by working under the guidance of our Safeguarding Policies our staff, both volunteers and employed, working with our young people, throughout the organisation, 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

This Lismore Cricket Club written 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 and procedures to manage these risks are contained in the following categories:

Category / Risk Identified	Procedure in place to manage risk identified
Club and Coaching Practices	
Lack of coaching qualification.	Safe Recruitment and Training Policy / Child Safeguarding Training.
Unauthorised photography & recording activities.	Social Media, Use of Video, Photography and Mobile Phones Guide
Behavioural Issues.	Code of Conduct / Child Safeguarding Training / Complaints & Disciplinary Policy / Anti-Bullying Policy.
Lack of gender balance amongst coaches	Safe Recruitment and Training Policy / Women and Girl's Strategy / Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Policy
Travelling & away trips	Travelling abroad/overnight stay consent form / Child Safeguarding Training / Code of Conduct
Lack of adherence with misc procedures in Safeguarding policy	Safeguarding Policy / Code of Conduct / Complaints & disciplinary Policy / Social Media, Use of Video, Photography and Mobile Phones Guide
Complaints & Discipline	
Lack of awareness of a Complaints & Disciplinary policy.	Complaints & Disciplinary Policy
Complaints not being dealt with seriously	Complaints & Disciplinary Policy.
Reporting Procedures	
Lack of knowledge of organisational & statutory reporting procedures	Roles and Responsibilities / Dealing with Child Protection Concerns / Code of Conduct.
Concerns of abuse or harm not reported.	Roles and Responsibilities / Dealing with Child Protection Concerns / Child Safeguarding Training - Level 1

Category / Risk Identified	Procedure in place to manage risk identified
Not clear who Young Person should talk to or report to.	Post the names of CCO, DLP and Mandated person / Safeguarding Poster for Children's Officer
Use of Facilities	
Unauthorised access to designated play & practice areas & to dressing rooms, showers, toilets etc.....	Safeguarding Policy / Changing Room Policy.
Unauthorised exit from children's areas.	Safeguarding Policy.
Photography, filming or recording in prohibited areas.	Social Media, Use of Video, Photography and Mobile Phones Guide.
Missing or found child on site.	Missing or found child Policy.
Children sharing facilities with adults e.g. changing room, showers etc...	Safeguarding Policy / Changing Room Policy
Recruitment	
Recruitment of inappropriate people.	Safe Recruitment and Training Policy.
Lack of clarity on roles.	Safe Recruitment and Training Policy / Roles and Responsibilities.
Unqualified or untrained people in role.	Safe Recruitment and Training Policy.
Communications	
Lack of awareness of 'risk of harm' with members and visitors.	Child Safeguarding Statement (displayed)
No communication of Child Safeguarding Statement of Code of Conduct to members of visitors.	Child Safeguarding Statement (displayed) / Code of Conduct (distribute).
Unauthorised photography & recording of activities.	Social Media, Use of Video, Photography and Mobile Phones Guide
Inappropriate use of social media & communications by under 18's	Social Media, Use of Video, Photography and Mobile Phones Guide / Code of Conduct
Inappropriate use of social media & communications with under 18's.	Code of Conduct
General Risk of Harm	
Harm not being recognised.	Safeguarding Policy / Safe Recruitment and

Category / Risk Identified	Procedure in place to manage risk identified
	Training Policy / Roles and Responsibilities.
Harm caused by: Child to Child, Coach to Child, Volunteer to Child, Member to Child, Visitor to Child.	Safeguarding Policy / Safe Recruitment and Training Policy / Dealing with Child Protection Concerns.
General behavioural issues.	Code of Conduct.
Issues of Bullying.	Anti-Bullying Policy.
Vetting of staff/volunteers.	Safe Recruitment and Training Policy / Vetting Policy.
Issues of Online Safety	Social Media, Use of Video, Photography and Mobile Phones Guide / Code of Conduct.

The Risk Assessment was undertaken on (insert date).

Section 4 - Procedures

Our Child Safeguarding Statement has been developed in line with requirements under the Children First Act 2015, Children First: National Guidance, Children (NI) Order 1995, 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.

(Insert name of club) has the following procedures 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 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 and Relevant Person for Cricket Ireland is **Brad Van Camp**. Brad can be contacted on **+353 85 855 5736** or **brad.vancamp@cricketireland.ie**.

Section 5 - Implementation

We recognise that implementation is an ongoing process. Our club 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 staff have been furnished with a copy of this statement.
- This statement is available to parents/guardians, the Agency and members of the public on request.
- This statement will be displayed in a prominent place by Lismore Cricket Club.

This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed on 22 May 2028

Signed: Lismore Cricket Club



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For queries on this Child Safeguarding Statement, please contact