



Cycling Ireland Child Safeguarding Statement

Cycling Ireland provides sporting activities and opportunities for young people through participation in clubs, national events and our national teams. Cycling Ireland is committed to safeguarding children and affiliated clubs work under the guidance of our Safeguarding Policies. All our volunteers and staff working with our young people, throughout the organisation, seek to create a safe environment for young people to participate in all cycling activities.

Cycling Ireland's first priority is the welfare of young and vulnerable people. We are committed to providing an environment which allows members to participate to the best of their ability in a fun and safe environment that is free from bullying and intimidation. We shall take all practicable steps to protect our members from any form of abuse, from harm, discrimination or degrading treatment and shall respect their rights, wishes and feelings. Cycling Ireland strives to create an environment that is safe and has the welfare of participants at the forefront.

This club'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 help alleviate these risks. The list of risks identified is contained in the following categories: Strategic Risk, Affiliated Clubs, Events, Internal, External, General Risk of Harm.

This club'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). Cycling Ireland is an all-Ireland organisation and have chosen to adopt the RA and CSS as part of best safeguarding practice across our organisation as a whole (including NI). Clubs based in NI, may refer to 'Cooperating to Safeguard Children and Young People' document version 2.0, 2017 for further guidance.

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.

Cycling Ireland has the following procedures in place as part of our Safeguarding Code and 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
- Appointment of Safeguarding Officers and Relevant Persons at Club and National level

The Mandated Person for the Cycling Ireland is Brigid O'Dea, Tel: 0860447735,

We recognise that implementation is an ongoing process. Cycling Ireland 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.

This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed within 24 months of the date below.

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Date: 8/3/18	Date: 9-3-18	Date: 09-03-2018

For any queries about this Child Safeguarding Statement, please contact safeguarding@cyclingireland.ie