

## Triathlon Ireland Clubs Child Safeguarding Statement 2018

Triathlon Ireland (TI) provides various sporting activities and opportunities for young people through participation in clubs, regional/provincial events and through our national teams.

Triathlon Ireland and **Athy Triathlon Club** are committed to safeguarding children and operate under the guidance of TI's Safeguarding Policies. All volunteers and staff working with young people, in TI, seek to create a safe environment for young people to grow and develop while participating in the sport of Triathlon. TI is a 32 county Governing Body and applies the same standards to all clubs. TI views the Children First Act 2015 as best practice for its clubs in Northern Ireland in addition to the 'Co-operating to Safeguard Children and Young People in Northern Ireland' document version 2.0, 2017.

Athy Triathlon 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 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.

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).

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. Triathlon Ireland has the following procedures, adopted by our club, 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.

Triathlon Ireland Mandated Person: <b>Niamh O'Gorman, phone: 0873627106</b>
Club Designated Liaison Person: <b>Vivienne Briscoe, phone 0862265551</b>
Club Children's Officer: <b>Orla McDonald, phone 0871237126</b>

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. This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed 2 years from the date below.

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Club Chairperson Name: Michael O'Connor	Signed: <i>Michael O'Connor</i>	Date: 20.11.18
Club Children's Officer Name: Orla McDonald	Signed: <i>Orla McDonald</i>	Date: 20-11-2018

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