

Safeguarding Standards

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Sport NI Policy Statement

- Sport NI recognise its responsibility in protecting children and vulnerable adults from abuse.
- Ensures organisations in receipt of financial awards operate within the relevant legislative framework, and to standards of best practice.
- Sport NI will ensure that the appropriate provision of data, targets and indicators are set and collated

(commitment to DCAL)

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Audit = Assurance Level

Full

Reasonable

Limited

Nil

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Audit Standards

1. Recruitment and Selection
2. Effective Management of staff/volunteers
3. Reporting Concerns
4. Code of Behaviour
5. Sharing Information
6. General Safety and Management of Activities

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“Why bother? I’m a sports coach not a social worker”

- Create a safe environment
- Protect young people from harm
- Promote good practice
- Challenge harmful practice
- Set standards that support coaches/leaders
- Moral and legal obligation

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Pervert Ex-rugby Player preyed on girls

Belfast Telegraph, Nov 2005

Pervy Swim Coach Jailed

Ulster sex beast has been caged for forcing two girls to perform indecent sex acts on him.

Sunday World, June 2007

Former Irish Olympic Coach convicted on seven charges of indecent assault

Jury heard evidence that the sexual abuse was carried out under the pretence of being part of young athletes training regime.

Fermanagh Herald, March 2008

Key Child Abuser Locked Up

The carrickfergus paedophile was a football coach in the area, when he systematically abused very young children.

Belfast Telegraph, 2007

Sex Abuse Boxing Coach Set for Prison

The case concerned the sexual abuse of two former members of the boxing club

Irish News, Jan 2008

Sex crime Footballer Freed

Former GAA county footballer who indecently assaulted a 16 year old girl and had unlawful sex with her has avoided jail

Irish News, Oct 2007

Sex Offenders NI

- Total on the sex offenders register in NI **900**
(May 2008 of which 48 high risk)
- Total number of sex offenders convicted or cautioned in NI **11,000**
- Not convicted & suspected **1,000s** more!

Impact of this on children (*based on reports to the PSNI*) **on average 3 rapes** each week and up to **9 indecent assaults**

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Grassroots Football

Child Protection

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Safeguarding Children in Football

Thank you for taking time to visit the Irish Football Association Child Protection section. This section was developed by IFA in partnership with the [NSPCC's Child Protection in Sport Unit \(CPSU\)](#).

What Club's/Football Centre's Should Do.

To assist your club in developing a culture where a child can feel safe and a parent / guardian knows that your club prioritises the welfare of their child, the IFA have developed the following advice about what to put in place based on the 6 Standards set out in "[Getting it Right](#)"(2).

- [Recruitment and selection \(3\)](#)
- [Effective Management of Staff and Volunteers \(4\)](#)
- [Reporting Guidelines that are communicated to all involved in the club \(5\)](#)
- [Code of Behaviour \(6\)](#)
- [Sharing Information \(7\)](#)
- [General Safety and Management of Activities \(8\)](#)

For further information please contact the IFA's Children's Officer;

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Type	Title	Size	Date
	Child Protection Club Strategy	24 kbs	12th August 2008
	Child Protection and Good Practice Guidelines 2005 Booklet	642 kbs	21st July 2008
	Child Protection Appendices	300 kbs	21st July 2008
	Child Protection Implementation Workbook	87 kbs	21st July 2008
	1. Compliance Factsheet	23 kbs	21st July 2008
	2. Action Points Factsheet	26 kbs	21st July 2008
	3. Complaints and Discipline Factsheet	24 kbs	21st July 2008
	4. Positive Discipline Factsheet	32 kbs	21st July 2008
	5. Responding to Incidents Factsheet	23 kbs	21st July 2008
	6. Club Health Check Factsheet	26 kbs	21st July 2008
	7. Communicating Policy Factsheet	20 kbs	21st July 2008
	8. Away Trips and Hosting Factsheet	32 kbs	21st July 2008
	9. Safe Working Factsheet	27 kbs	21st July 2008
	10. Recruitment and Vetting	32 kbs	21st July 2008
	11. Sports Leaders Sample Code	23 kbs	21st July 2008

Question

- What is it about your sport that makes it less attractive to those who may want to harm children?
- What is it about your sport that makes it more attractive to children and parents?

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