Safeguarding Training Plan

Introduction

The enactment of the Children First legislation raises specific requirements that all people responsible for working, coaching or generally engaging with children on a regular basis ("regular" defined as 4 times within 1 month or 1 night residential) are required to be educated on creating a child centred approach, recognising abuse and knowing what to do in response to a disclosure and your own legal obligations. Sport Ireland has designed a suite of Courses to ensure all sporting bodies are appropriately trained to comply with this Law and is called Safeguarding Training. To ensure Irish Sailing Training Centres and Clubs are compliant with the legislation Irish Sailing run over 20 of the Safeguarding 1-2-3 Level Courses per year. The details of the three stages of training are outlined here as follows:

1. **Safeguarding 1 - Child Welfare & Protection Basic Awareness Course**

   All Instructors, Coaches, Children's Officers and Designated Liaison Persons (DLP) must complete an Irish Sailing or LSP (if over 18yrs) 3-hour Child Welfare & Protection Basic Awareness Course. This course educates participants on the implementation of best practice in protecting the welfare of children involved in sport.

2. **Safeguarding 2 - Club Children's Officer (C.C.O)**

   A person appointed to the Club Children's Officer position in a club must have completed safeguarding 1 (Child Welfare & Protection Basic Awareness workshop) and should complete the **NEW Club Children's Officer 3-hour workshop**. This course will help the *Club Children's Officer* to carry out the function of their role in the club and support the implementation of best practice in the club. Participants will also receive a Club Children's Officer Action Planning document as part of the training.

3. **Safeguarding 3 - Designated Liaison Person(DLP)**

   A person appointed to the Designated Liaison Person position in a club must have completed the Child Welfare & Protection Basic Awareness Course and should complete the **NEW Designated Liaison Person 3-hour workshop**. A club may appoint the same person to both the CCO and DLP positions however best practice advises that they are kept as separate roles.

Club Children's Officers

Club Children's Officers should be child centred in focus and have as the primary aim the establishment of a child centred ethos within the club. S/he is the link between the children and the adults in the club. S/he also takes responsibility for monitoring and reporting to the Club Management Committee on how club policy impacts on young people and Sports Leaders

Designated Liaison Person

Every club/organisation should designate a person to be responsible for dealing with any concerns about the protection of children. The Designated Liaison Person is responsible for reporting allegations or suspicions of child abuse to TUSLA Child and Family Agency and/or An Garda Siochána. It is recommended that this person is a senior club person. However, if there is difficulty identifying a separate individual to take this role, the Club Children's Officer can be appointed as Designated Liaison Person once the club/organisation is clear about the responsibilities of each role. The organisation's child protection policy and procedures should include the name and contact details of the Designated Liaison Person and the responsibilities attached to the role.

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Safeguarding Revalidation

The first Safeguarding 1 course a person attends must be the 3hr Classroom based course and this is valid for 5 years. This is the same for an Irish Sailing Instructor and / or Club Volunteer / Staff member. A person can attend another SG1 Classroom Course or do the Sport Ireland Online Refresher Course which will revalidate their Safeguarding Certificate for 5 more years.

Other Safeguarding Courses:

Irish Sailing accepts other Sport Ireland Face to Face Classroom / Online Face to Face courses and Sport Ireland Online Refresher Courses (after initial attended class/online course) that can be run by Local Sport Partnerships, other Sport Ireland affiliated NGBs and Scouting Ireland Stage 3 Code of Ethics Courses.

Irish Sailing will accept Occupational Safeguarding Courses such as for Care workers in TUSLA, Physical Education Teachers in Dept of Education and Nursing in Dept. of Health where there is a valid certificate shown. However, we recommend that people should attend their Sport Specific Training Courses provided by Irish Sailing as best practice to understand the nuances of sailing in Ireland.

Irish Sailing cannot not accept RYA Safe 'n Fun Online courses or Tusla Online Courses as the primary course.

Safeguarding for Assistant Instructors

The enactment of the Children First legislation raises specific policy issues with regard to the role of Assistant instructors in Training Centres. In order to ensure Irish Sailing Training Centres are compliant with the legislation the following policies are recommended.

Assistant Instructors age 15yrs – 17yrs

Assistant instructors in this age group are generally preparing for their instructor training course. They must only work under the direct supervision of a qualified instructor and should never be left in charge of or responsible for the students. In this context they are not required to be Garda Vetted or complete Safeguarding 1. It is recommended that once they turn 16yrs, GV and Safeguarding 1 should be completed as part of their Instructor Training preparation.

Assistant Instructors age 17yrs +

All Assistant Instructors aged 17yrs+ must be Garda Vetted and have completed Safeguarding 1. It is important to highlight that they are not qualified instructors and must still work with a fully qualified instructor who is responsible for the training and supervision of the students.

Safeguarding Training Course Schedules

Irish Sailing has an extensive Safeguarding Training Programme. Courses are scheduled throughout the off season on a provincial basis and can also be ran on request for a Club or affiliated Organisation. Details of all these courses and scheduled dates are available on www.sailing.ie or schedule a course from Irish Sailing Training Office at - 01 2710114 or training@sailing.ie

Contact

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