



Child Safeguarding Statement

Tralee Parnells GAA, Camogie, Caherslee Road GAA Grounds, Tralee, Kerry, Ireland, V92X025

Tralee Parnells Club (Incorporating GAA, Camogie) in our policies, procedures and our legislative requirements, which is binding on our members.

The basic aims of the Gaelic Athletic Associations include fostering and developing our Gaelic Games and Irish cultural activities among young people and children. These games and related activities are organised and promoted by dedicated volunteers at Club, County, Provincial and National levels with the cooperation and support of an equally dedicated

cohort of staff all of whom are committed to the safeguarding of children and young people in our Association as we seek to create a safe environment for young people to grow and develop. This Child Safeguarding Statement was agreed by the Tralee Parnells GAA, Camogie Club Executive Committee on April 2, 2024

PRINCIPLES TO SAFEGUARD CHILDREN FROM HARM
This statement recognises that in accordance with legislative requirements, and our commitments in our Gaelic Games Code of Behaviour (Underage), (see QR Code 1), to safeguard all children regardless of race, ability, ethnicity or sexual orientation from harm, that the welfare and interests of children are paramount in all circumstances. The Code of Behaviour aims to ensure that children and young people have a positive, developmental and enjoyable experience of Gaelic Games and other activities and that they do so, as far as is practicable, in a safe and enjoyable environment in accordance with the Children First Act (2015) and the Children (NI) Order 1995.

RISK ASSESSMENT
In preparing this statement we have completed a risk assessment, available on request from our Children's Officer, which addresses the potential for harm* to children when they are participating in our games and attending our activities under the following headings:

- Identify Areas of Risk of Harm;
- Club & Coaching Practices;
- Complaints & Discipline;
- Reporting Procedures;
- Facilities;
- Recruitment;
- Communications;
- General Risk of Harm.

* Harm means in relation to a child - Assault, ill treatment or neglect of a child in a manner that seriously affects or is likely to seriously affect the child's health, development or welfare or sexual abuse of a child.

PROCEDURES
Our Child Safeguarding Statement has been prepared in accordance with the legislative requirements contained in the Children First Act 2015, Children's First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children (2017), the Children (NI) Order 1995, Tusla's Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice and as required by our Association rules and Code of Behaviour (Underage).



Our Club is committed to the Give Respect - Get Respect initiative that seeks to ensure Gaelic Games are promoted and played in a positive, fair, safe and enjoyable manner where players, coaches, spectators and referees Give Respect - Get Respect to and from each other, regardless of race, ability, ethnicity or sexual orientation

RISK IDENTIFIED

Safeguarding training for coaches, Children's Officers and Designated Liaison Persons and others who work with children which address Association safeguarding procedures and the risk of harm to children	Risk of harm when hosting and activity or away trip	Risk of harm to a child by an adult or another child including definitions of abuse
Safeguarding training for coaches, Children's Officers and Designated Liaison Persons and others who work with children which address Association safeguarding procedures and the risk of harm to children	Risk of harm through online abuse and social media	Bullying of a child
Gaelic Games Safeguarding Training programmes and policy	Risk of inappropriate use of photography events, Away Trips & Transport; Social Media Guidance; Photography	Guidance for Dealing with and Reporting Allegations or Concerns of Abuse
Gaelic Games Safeguarding Training programmes and policy	Code of Behaviour (Underage) includes directives on: Recruitment, Vetting and Safeguarding Training; Guidance for Coaches, Parents & Supporters on Maintaining Good Practice & Behaviour; Hosting events, Away Trips & Transport; Social Media Guidance; Photography	Anti-Bullying Training & Statement
QR code 1	QR code 1	QR code 3

PROCEDURES IN PLACE TO ADDRESS RISKS

PROCEDURES IDENTIFIED

- Procedure in respect of the management of allegations against any member, non-member or staff/volunteer availing of our services (QR Code 3)
- Procedure for the safe recruitment and vetting of volunteers & staff to work with children and young people (QR Code 1)
- Procedure for provision of and access to Gaelic Games Child Safeguarding Training and information including the identification of the occurrence of harm (QR Code 1)
- Procedure for the reporting allegations of abuse, protection or welfare concerns of a child to the Association, Tusla or Gateway Team, availing as applicable (QR Code 3)
- Procedure for appointing a relevant person i.e. the Club Children's Officer who is the relevant person appointed for the purpose of this statement (QR Code 1)
- Our Club shall maintain a list of membership who, if known, and in accordance with the Children First Act 2015 are specified as mandated persons, regardless of what role (if any), they hold in the Club.

MANDATED PERSONS AND SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS

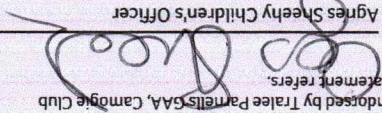
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All policies and procedures listed above are available at www.gaa.ie/the-gaa/child-safeguarding-and-protection

IMPLEMENTATION AND REVIEW

The Gaelic Athletic Associations and Tralee Parnells GAA, Camogie are committed to the implementation of this Child Safeguarding Statement and the accompanying child safeguarding policies and procedures that support our intention to keep children and young people safe from harm while availing of our services. This Statement, adopted and endorsed by Tralee Parnells GAA, Camogie Club Executive Committee, shall be reviewed by April 2, 2026 or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers.

Agnes Sheehy Children's Officer



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