

## 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 Naas Tri 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.

Naas 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 Clubs 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 clubs, 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>Aidan Murphy, phone: 0876620272</b>
Club Children's Officer: <b>Mairead Cooney, phone: 0862397031</b> <i>M.OS (M. Cooney.)</i>

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.

Club Name and Address: <b>Naas Tri Club, 14 Dun na Riogh walk, Naas, Co Kildare</b>		
Club Chairperson Name: <b>Ed Byrne</b>	Signed: <i>Ed Byrne</i>	Date: <i>10/03/2018</i>
Club Children's Officer Name: <b>Mairead Cooney</b>	Signed: <i>Mairead Cooney</i>	Date: <i>10/03/2018</i>

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

<p><b>Harm caused by</b> - child to child - adult to child</p>	<p><b>H</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Safeguarding policy</li> <li>▪ Coach/leader training-SG1.</li> <li>▪ Codes of Conduct.</li> <li>▪ Safe Recruitment Policy.</li> <li>▪ Communication &amp; Reporting Processes.</li> </ul>	<p>Triathlon Ireland NCO &amp; MP Club Committee Club Children's Officer Designated Liaison Person</p>	<p>Informal consult with Tusla(ROI)/Gateway(NI). Report to statutory authorities. Report to TI MP. Ongoing review</p>
<p><b>General behavioural issues</b></p>	<p><b>H</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Code of Conduct</li> <li>▪ Complaints and Disciplinary Procedures.</li> </ul>	<p>Triathlon Ireland Club Committee Club Children's Officer.</p>	<p>Ensure all coaches/leaders/volunteers have signed a code of conduct. Take disciplinary action where necessary</p>

This Risk Assessment document has been discussed and completed by *(insert Club as provider)* on    /    / 2018

<p>Name: <b>Ed Byrne</b></p>	<p>Name: <b>Mairead Cooney</b></p>
<p>Signed: <i>Ed Byrne</i></p>	<p>Signed: <i>Mairead Cooney</i></p>
<p>Role: <b>Club Chairperson</b></p>	<p>Role: <b>Club Children's Officer</b></p>
<p>Date: <i>10/03/2018</i></p>	<p>Date: <i>10/03/2018</i></p>

Explanation of terms used:

- **Potential risk of harm to children** – these are identified risks of harm to children whilst accessing activities in the Club/Region/Province/NGB.
- **Likelihood of harm happening** – the likelihood of the risk occurring in the club/region/NGB measured by you as Low/Medium or High.
- **Required Policy, Guidance and Procedure document** – indication of the policy required to alleviate the risk.
- **Responsibility** – provider should indicate where the responsibility for alleviating the risk lies.
- **Further action...** - indicates further action that might be necessary to alleviate any risk ongoing

TI = Triathlon Ireland

DLP = Designated Liaison Person – refers to club position

CCO = Club Children's Officer

SG1 = Safeguard 1 Course.

NCO = National Children's Officer- refers to TI position

MP = Mandated Person - refers to TI position

Event Safeguard Lead = Person named on Event Management plan responsible for Safeguarding at junior races.