

GALWAY ROWING CLUB

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Child Safeguarding Statement

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Galway Rowing Club provides various sporting activities and opportunities for young people through participation in regional/provincial events and through our national teams.

Galway Rowing Club is committed to safeguarding children by working under the guidance of Galway Rowing Club Safeguarding Policies. Our volunteers, working with our young people, throughout the organisation, seek to create a safe environment for young people to grow and develop.

Galway Rowing Club's written Child 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 require 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.

The Risk Assessment was undertaken on 7th February 2022.

Our 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 Children (NI) Order 1995 (the legislation) and Cooperating to Safeguard Children and Young People 2017 (the guidance).

In addition to our Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment document described above, there are further procedures that support our intention to safeguard children while they are availing of our activities.

Rowing Ireland has the following procedures in place as part of our Safeguarding Policies:

- Procedures for the management of allegations of abuse or misconduct by volunteers against a child availing of our activities
- Procedures for the safe recruitment of staff 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

The Designated Liaison Person/Relevant Person for Galway Rowing Club is Amanda Dempsey.

We recognise that implementation is an ongoing process. Galway Rowing 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 on 31st January 2024.

Signed

Date: 7th February 2022

On behalf of Galway Rowing Club

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