



Balbriggan Cricket Club

Jack Harper Memorial Cricket Ground

Balbriggan Town Park Balbriggan Co. Dublin

Child Safeguarding Statement March 2019

1. Aims of Balbriggan Cricket Club

To foster and promote participation in the sport of cricket within the community by providing facilities for playing Cricket and opportunities for recreation, coaching and competition.

2. Nature of service and principles to safeguard children from harm

Our club believes that the best interests of children and young people availing of our services are paramount. Our guiding principles are underpinned by Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children and the guidelines contained in the Code of Ethics and Good Practice.

3. Risk Assessment:

We have carried out an assessment of any potential risk for harm to a child while availing of our services. Below is a list of the areas of risk identified and the list of procedures for managing these risks.

Balbriggan Cricket Club Risk Assessment

Activity: E-Technology, Social Media

- Risk Level: High
- Identified Risk: Policy not communicated properly
- Procedure in place to manage risk: The Club policy is that no contact with a child is to happen unless a parent of the child is part of the contact.

Activity: Club Coaching and Match Times.

- Risk Level: Medium
- Identified Risk: A Club based in Public Park.
- Procedures in place to manage risk: All teams will have three coaches or other management personnel who must be in attendance 30 minutes prior to the agreed match/coaching meet up times.
- Set meeting times will be advised to parents at our registration night.

Activity: Late collection of children.

- Risk Level: High
- Identified Risk: Children going home without permission or adequate supervision.
- Procedure in place to manage risk: In all such cases, two adults involved in the match/coaching must wait around. **This must be stressed at the Registration night.**

Activity: Children in Open Competitions

- Risk Level: High
- Identified Risk: Injury, risk not identified.
- Procedure in place to manage risk: Team Captains/ Vice Captains instructed not to place a child in danger with fast bowling or field placement.

Activity: Changing Rooms and Showering Policy

- Risk Level: Medium
- Identified Risk: Inadequate supervision and inappropriate behaviour.
- Procedure in place to manage risk: No showering is allowed at any time while a child is in the dressing room and all children playing on adult teams must not be alone with one adult in the changing room.

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Activity: Photography, Video, Website

- Risk level: High
- Identified Risk: Risk not recognized and policy not communicated.
- Procedure in place to manage risk: Policy to be advised on registration night. Parental consent required prior to photos from cricket matches or coaching/cricket camps being uploaded.

Activity: Physical Contact

- Risk Level: Medium
- Identified Risk: Harm by adult, other children.
- Procedure in place to manage risk: All Club coaches are instructed that use of physical contact is only used to develop sports skills or techniques or to treat an injury. This will be advised to parents on night of Registration Meeting.

All club personnel are to intervene immediately if fighting happens among children at matches, coaching or cricket camps.

Activity: Away Games/Transport

- Risk Level: High
- Identified Risk: Inadequate Supervision.
- Procedure in place to manage risk: it is not the responsibility of the coaches or team manager to transport or arrange the transport of children to and from matches. Fixture lists will be distributed at the Registration Night so that parents can make appropriate arrangements.
- Pick up and drop off points will be notified to parents prior to each away game.
- The importance of punctuality is to be emphasized due to difficulties caused by late collection of children.

Activity: One to One Coaching

- Risk Level: Low
- Identified Risk: Harm by Adult.
- Procedure in place to manage risk: One to one coaching will only be organized by club coaches on a request by a child's parent(s) who will confirm their attendance also.

Activity: Bullying

- Risk Level: Low
- Identified Risk: Harm by adults, other children.
- Procedure in place to manage risk: The club has an Anti-Bullying Policy in Place.

4. Procedures:

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. In addition to the procedures listed in our risk assessment, the following procedures support our intention to safeguard children while they are availing of the service provided by our club.

- ❖ Procedure for Management of allegations of abuse.
- ❖ Procedures for safe recruitment of workers and volunteers.
- ❖ Procedures for provision of and access to child safeguarding training and information.
- ❖ Procedure for reporting of welfare concerns.
- ❖ Procedure for maintaining list of mandated persons.
- ❖ Procedure for appointing a relevant person

Recruitment of Coaches

- ✓ All Coaches working with young people and children are required to be suitable for their chosen role(s), and should be appropriately trained, qualified and supported to fulfil such roles.

All coaches, parent helpers and any club members involved with the Youth section, in any capacity will be required to;

- ✓ Undertake agreed Garda vetting
- ✓ Complete Child Safeguarding training

Furthermore, we will encourage as many adult members as possible to complete the Child Safeguarding 1 course

5. Implementation:

We recognize 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 services. This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed on 11/4/2020 or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the Statement refers.

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