

Risk Assessment Document for *DBB Athletic Club*

This risk assessment considers the potential for harm to come to children whilst they are in *DBB's Athletic Club's* care. This risk assessment precedes the Child Safeguarding Statement (Section 11 (1b) Children First Act 2015) which is developed following this risk assessment process. In accordance with the requirements of Section 11 (1) of the Children First Act 2015 the risk is of abuse and not general health and safety risk (covered under a separate H&S policy and risk assessment).

Section 11 (1) of the Children First Act 2015 states that where a person proposes to operate as a provider of a relevant service, he or she shall, within 3 months from the date on which he or she commences as such a provider —

- (a) Undertake an assessment of any potential for harm to a child while availing of the service (in this section referred to as a “risk”).

Potential risk of harm to children	Likelihood of harm happening L-M-H	Required Policy, Guidance and Procedure document	Responsibility Club/Region/National	Further action required ...
CLUB & COACHING PRACTICES				
Lack of coaching qualification	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Coach education policy ▪ Recruitment policy 	Club committee Coaches/Volunteers CCO	<i>Organise training. Training for parents/volunteers/guardians. Proof of training submitted to CCO/Committee</i>
Supervision issues	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Supervision policy ▪ Coach education policy ▪ Safeguarding level 1 	Club committee	<i>Proof of safeguarding 1 Training submitted to CCO/Committee. Ongoing review and encouragement of additional parents/volunteers to join</i>
Unauthorised photography & recording activities	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Photography and Use of Images policy 	Club committee Coaches/volunteers	<i>Ongoing review. Committee, coaches and parents aware of policy</i>
Behavioural Issues	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Code of Conduct ▪ Safeguarding Level 1 (min) ▪ Complaints & Disciplinary policy 	Coaches/Volunteers Club committee CCO	<i>Committee, coaches, parents and members aware of Code of Conduct. Juvenile members sign code of conduct with parents/guardians. Ongoing review</i>

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Lack of gender balance amongst coaches	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coach Education Policy Supervision Policy 	Club committee	<i>Ongoing review Ongoing review and encouragement of additional parents/ volunteers to join</i>
No guidance for travelling and away trips	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Travel/Away Trip policy Child Safeguarding Training 	Club Committee	<i>Committee, Coaches, volunteers and parents aware of policy</i>
Lack of adherence with misc procedures in Safeguarding policy (i.e. mobile, photography, transport)	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safeguarding policy Complaints & Disciplinary Policy 	Club Committee	<i>Ongoing review Committee, Coaches, volunteers and parents made aware of policies</i>
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COMPLAINTS & DISCIPLINE				
Lack of awareness of a Complaints & Disciplinary policy	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complaints & Disciplinary Procedure Communications procedure 	Club Committee	<i>Committee, Coaches, volunteers and parents made aware of procedure</i>
Difficulty in raising an issue by child & or parent Reason: Covered above	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complaints & Disciplinary procedure Communications procedure 	Coaches/Volunteers Club Committee	<i>Committee, Coaches, volunteers and parents made aware of procedure. Ongoing review</i>
Complaints not being dealt with seriously	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complaints & Disciplinary procedure/policy 	Coaches/Volunteers Club Committee	<i>Committee, Coaches, volunteers and parents made aware of procedure. Ongoing review</i>
REPORTING PROCEDURES				
Lack of knowledge of organisational and statutory reporting procedures	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reporting procedures/policy Coach education policy Code of Conduct /Behaviour 	Club Committee Mandated Person DLP	<i>Make policies and procedures available Include in Safeguarding Training (L1) Include in Coach Education Training</i>
No Mandated Person appointed	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reporting procedures/policy 	Athletics Ireland Club Committee	<i>Publicise identity of Mandated Person Train Mandated Person in their role</i>

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No DLP Appointed	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reporting procedures/policy 	Athletics Ireland Club	<i>Train a DLP, as soon as training becomes available. Publicise identity of DLPs</i>
Concerns of abuse or harm not reported	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reporting procedures/policy Child Safeguarding Training – Level 1 	MP DLP	<i>Include in Safeguarding Training (L1) Publicise names of CCOs, DLPs, MP(s) Publicise internal and external reporting procedures</i>
Not clear who YP should talk to or report to	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Post the names of CCOs, DLPs and MP 	CCO DLP	<i>Communicate in Club Include in Safeguarding Training (L1)</i>
FACILITIES				
Unauthorised access to designated children’s play & practice areas and to changing rooms, showers, toilets etc.	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supervision policy Coach Education 	Athletics Ireland Club Committee	<i>Clarify responsibilities before session starts</i>
Unauthorised exit from children’s areas	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supervision policy Coach Education 	Club Committee Coaches/Volunteers Parents	<i>Clarify responsibilities before session starts. Arrange juvenile stations close to well lit exit area to facilitate safe collection by parents at end of training.</i>
Photography, filming or recording in prohibited areas	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Photography policy and use of devices in private zones 	Club Committee Coaches	<i>Clarify responsibilities before session starts</i>
Missing or found child on site	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Missing or found child policy 	Club Committee	<i>Refer to policy and inform Gardai</i>
Children sharing facilities with adults e.g. dressing room, showers etc.	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safeguarding policy 	Club committee	<i>Not relevant in current facility. Plan with facilities management to create a suitable child centred environment in shared facilities going forward.</i>

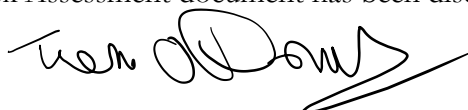
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RECRUITMENT				
Recruitment of inappropriate people	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recruitment policy 	Athletics Ireland Club Committee CCO Appropriate personnel	<i>Ongoing review. Current coaches are parents of juveniles and known to committee members.</i>
Lack of clarity on roles	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recruitment policy 	Club Committee	<i>Check job description Put supervision in place</i>
Unqualified or untrained people in role	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recruitment policy 	Club Committee	<i>Arrange training for volunteers/parents/guardians Ongoing review</i>
COMMUNICATIONS AND SOCIAL MEDIA				
Lack of awareness of 'risk of harm' with members and visitors	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child Safeguarding Statement Training policy 	Athletics Ireland Club DLP CCO	<i>Communicate Child Safeguarding Statement</i>
No communication of Child Safeguarding Statement or Code of Behaviour to members or visitors	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child Safeguarding Statement – display Code of Behaviour - distribute 	Club Executive County Committee DLP Children's Officer	<i>Communicate Child Safeguarding Statement Distribute Code or Sections as appropriate</i>
Unauthorised photography & recording of activities	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Photography and Use of Images policy 	Club committee Coaches/Volunteers	<i>Ongoing review</i>
Inappropriate use of social media and communications by under 18's	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communications policy Code of conduct 	Club committee Coaches/volunteers	<i>Ongoing review</i>
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GENERAL RISK OF HARM				
Harm not being recognised	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safeguarding policy Child Safeguarding Training 	Coaches/Volunteers	<i>Ongoing review</i>
Harm caused by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> child to child coach to child volunteer to child member to child visitor to child 	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safeguarding policy Child Safeguarding Training 	Coaches/volunteers Club committee	<i>Ongoing review</i>
General behavioural issues	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Code of Conduct 		<i>Take disciplinary action where necessary Sign code of conduct</i>

Explanation of terms used:

- **Potential risk of harm to children** – these are identified risks of harm to children whilst accessing activities in DBB Athletic Club.
- **Likelihood of harm happening** – the likelihood of the risk occurring in DBB Athletic Club 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.

This Risk Assessment document has been discussed and completed by *DBB Athletic Club* on 27th /10 /2021

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