

Rowing Ireland – Ulster Branch

Safeguarding and Vetting information for NI Clubs

What Is Safeguarding?

Safeguarding is not just about protecting young people and vulnerable adults in rowing; it is also about safeguarding your Club and your volunteers. The more aware you are about how sport can be used to harm young people the more vigilant you will be.

Rowing Ireland provides a lot of Club information -
<https://www.rowingireland.ie/safeguarding-in-rowing/>

If you require any assistance contact Brenda Ewing – Designated Childrens Officer for RIUB at brendaewing@yahoo.co.uk

How can Clubs Promote Good Practice in Safeguarding ?

- Appoint a club Child Protection / or Safeguarding officer and promote their contact details
- Arrange Safeguarding training for all volunteers
- Ensure all volunteers are safely recruited including AccessNI checks
- Be aware of the information on the Rowing Ireland website
- Obtain parental consent forms
- Share safeguarding information with all their members on a regular basis
- Provide a welcome pack for parents and young people
- Know the protocol for AccessNI Checks and send to Access Signatory

Who Should be Vetted? Includes for example

- The Club Safeguarding/Child Protection Officer
- Committee members involved in decisions regarding Juniors
- All coaches working with juniors
- Volunteers assisting junior coaches
- Club Photographer
- Helpers on away trips or residentials
- Event Organisers – if dealing with junior events

The more volunteers in the club that have been checked the better as the club will have a wider pool of people available to help out in an emergency.

Rowing Ireland Ulster Branch requires that all Staff and Volunteers working with young people complete an Enhanced Access NI Application.

If you are approached by a Club volunteer about coaching or working with juniors you should explain the procedure to them. You should make them aware of –

The Access NI Code of Practice,
<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/accessni-code-of-practice.pdf>

A Criminal Record will not necessarily bar a person from obtaining a position,

RIUB has an ex-offenders policy,

RIUB has a Secure Handling, Use, Storage and Retention of Disclosed Information

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Access NI Pin Number available from the Club you wish to work with

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Access NI Application

Applicants are required to undergo an online AccessNI check using the Government's NIDirect web-site www.nidirect.gov.uk/accessni.

Please Note: To make an application for an Enhanced Certificate you will need a **six digit pin number** as listed above for either the lead signatory or the counter-signatory. This will be provided by the CPO in the Club and will have details of how to complete the on-line application and what documents are required for ID purposes..

Cost

RIUB will process applications free for all Volunteers. Charges are liable by Access NI for all paid staff.

Brenda Ewing

Designated Children's Officer

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