

CHILD SAFEGUARDING RISK ASSESSMENT

Club Name

Boat/Rowing Club

This risk assessment considers the potential for harm to come to children whilst they are in your 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 harm, 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 - 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 L-M-H	Safeguarding Policy or Guidance document required	Responsibility for risk	Further action required ...
CLUB & COACHING PRACTICES				
Lack of coaching qualification	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Coach education ▪ Recruitment policy 	Club	
Supervision issues	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Supervision policy ▪ Coach education policy 	Club	
Unauthorised photography & recording activities	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Photography and Use of Images policy 	Club	
Behavioural Issues – peer to peer and leader behaviour	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Code of Conduct ▪ Child Safeguarding Training ▪ Complaints & Disciplinary policy 	Club	
Lack of gender balance amongst coaches	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Supervision policy ▪ Child Safeguarding Training ▪ Recruitment policy 	Club	
No guidance for travelling and away trips	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Travel/Away trip policy ▪ Child Safeguarding Training 	Club	
Lack of adherence with procedures in Safeguarding Code (ratio's, transport etc)	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Safeguarding Code ▪ Complaints & disciplinary policy 	Club	

COMPLAINTS & DISCIPLINARY				
Lack of awareness of a Complaints & Disciplinary policy and process	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Complaints & Disciplinary process from Code of Ethics ▪ Communications procedure 	Club	
Complaints not being dealt with seriously	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Complaints & Disciplinary procedure/policy 	Club Rowing Ireland	
REPORTING PROCEDURES				
Lack of knowledge of organisational and statutory reporting procedures	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reporting procedures/policy ▪ Coach education ▪ Code of Conduct 	Club Rowing Ireland	
No Mandated Person appointed	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reporting procedures/policy 	Club Rowing Ireland	
No Club Children's Officer /Relevant Person appointed	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reporting procedures/policy 	Club Rowing Ireland	
Concerns of abuse or harm not reported	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reporting procedures/policy ▪ Child Safeguarding Training – Level 1 	Club Rowing Ireland	
Not clear who children should talk to or report concerns to	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Post the names of CCOs, DLPs 	Club Rowing Ireland	
Not referring information to the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) in certain circumstances ¹ .	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (NI) 2007 Order 	Club (NI only) Rowing Ireland	
FACILITIES				
Unauthorised access to designated children's play & practice areas and to changing rooms, showers, toilets etc.	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Supervision policy ▪ Coach education 	Club	
Unauthorised exit from children's areas	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Supervision policy ▪ Coach education 	Club	
Photography, filming or recording in prohibited areas	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Photography policy and use of devices in private zones 	Club	
Missing or found child on site	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Missing or found child policy 	Club	

¹ This legislative requirement only applies to clubs based in Northern Ireland <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/making-barring-referrals-to-the-dbs>

Children sharing facilities with adults e.g. dressing, showers	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safeguarding policy 	Club	
RECRUITMENT				
Recruitment of inappropriate people	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safe recruitment policy 	Club Rowing Ireland	
Lack of clarity on roles	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safe recruitment policy 	Club Rowing Ireland	
Unqualified or untrained people in role	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safe recruitment policy 	Club Rowing Ireland	
COMMUNICATIONS AND SOCIAL MEDIA				
No communication of Child Safeguarding Statement or Code of Behaviour to members or visitors	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child Safeguarding Statement – display Code of Behaviour - distribute 	Club Rowing Ireland	
Lack of awareness of ‘risk of harm’ with members and visitors	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child Safeguarding Statement Training policy 	Club	
Unauthorised photography & recording of activities	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Photography and Use of Images policy 	Club	
Inappropriate use of social media and communications by under 18’s	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communications policy Code of conduct 	Club	
Inappropriate use of social media and communications with under 18’s	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communications policy Code of conduct 	Club	
GENERAL RISK OF HARM				
Harm not being recognised	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safeguarding policy Child Safeguarding Training 	Club Rowing Ireland	
Harm caused by - child to child - leader to child	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safeguarding policy Child Safeguarding Training 	Club Rowing Ireland	
General behavioural issues	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Code of Conduct 	Club	

This Child Protection Risk Assessment document has been discussed and reviewed by the following:

Signed: _____

Signed: _____

Print name: _____

Print name: _____

Role: Chairperson _____

Role: Children's Officer (Relevant Person) _____

Club name: _____

Club name: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

Explanation of terms used above:

1. Potential risk of harm to children – these are identified risks of harm to children whilst accessing activities in the Club/NGB
2. Likelihood of harm happening – the likelihood of the risk occurring in the Club/NGB measured as Low/Medium or High
3. Required Policy, Guidance and Procedure document – indication of the policy required to alleviate the risk contained in the Code of Ethics
4. Responsibility – provider should indicate where the responsibility for alleviating the risk lies
5. Further action - indicates further action that might be necessary to alleviate any risk ongoing
6. MP: Mandated Person appointed by Rowing Ireland
7. CCO: Club Children's Officer (Relevant Person)
8. Relevant Person: Person responsible for information about the Safeguarding Statement in the club, this role is assigned to the Club Children's Officer

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