

Club Name

Child Safeguarding Statement

(Club name) provides rowing opportunities for young people through participation in supervised coaching sessions both on and off the water.

Our Club is committed to safeguarding young people and by working under the guidance of Rowing Ireland Safeguarding Policies our staff (if applicable), Club administrators, Coaches, volunteers and all working with our young people, throughout the Club, seek to create a safe environment for young people to grow and develop.

A Risk Assessment of Harm has been completed which indicates the areas of potential risk of harm, the likelihood of the risk occurring, and gives the required policy, guidance or process documents required 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(date).....

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 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 staff or volunteers against a child availing of our activities
- Procedures for the safe recruitment of staff and volunteers 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 Safeguarding or welfare concerns to Statutory Authorities

The Mandated Person for Rowing Ireland is Tom Fennessey.

Contact: safeguarding@rowingireland.ie

We recognise that the implementation of the Rowing Ireland Safeguarding Plan is an ongoing process. Our Club is committed to this implementation as of this Child Safeguarding Statement and the procedures that support our intention to keep young people safe from harm while availing of our activities.

This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed by.....(date).....

(must be reviewed every 2 years)

On behalf of (Name of Rowing Club)

Name: (Club Chair / Captain / President)

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Name: (Club Children's Officer – Relevant Person)

Signed: _____ Date: _____

For queries on this Child Safeguarding Statement, please contact:

Club Children's Officer (Relevant Person) – as above