LDL

Limerick District League

CHILD SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

Safeguarding & Child Welfare | 2026

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(Limerick & District League) in accordance with the FAI Rulebook, FAI Child Welfare and Safeguarding policy, other FAI policies, procedures and our legislative requirements have agreed to this Child Safeguarding Statement which is binding on all members. LDL is an underage football league operating on a regional scale providing sporting activities and opportunities for children and young people through participation in clubs. The LDL offers sporting activities to children and young people from the age of 7. LDL is committed to safeguarding children and by working under the guidance of our Safeguarding Policies and procedures, our staff, both volunteers and employed working with our children and young people, throughout the Association, seek to create a safe and fun environment for children and young people to participate in their sport.

Principles to Safeguard Children from Harm

This statement recognizes that in accordance with legislation and the requirements of FAI Rulebook, FAI Child Welfare and Safeguarding policy, other FAI policies and procedures that the welfare and interests of children are paramount in all circumstances. LDL is established on a number of core principles:
- the needs of the Child, integrity and respect, environment, equality, fair play, welfare and safety in football. These underlying principles underpin our rules, policies and procedures to ensure that when Children participating in our activities, they do so, as far as is practicable, in a safe and enjoyable environment.

Risk Assessment

In preparing this statement the LDL has completed a Risk Assessment of the potential risk of harm to children when they are participating in any of our games and attending our activities. The risks were reviewed under the following headings; Club and Coaching Practices; Complaints & Discipline; Reporting Procedures; Use of Facilities; Recruitment; Communications; and General Risk of Harm. The Risk Assessment was undertaken on (TBD). The table below lists the area of Risk identified and the list of procedures and policies for managing these risks

Identified Risks and Safeguarding Procedures

Risk identified	Procedures and policies	Policy shortcut
Risk of harm including assault, ill treatment or neglect of a child in a manner that seriously affects or is likely to seriously affect the child's health, development or welfare or sexual abuse of child	FAI Child Welfare and Safeguarding policy FAI Concern-Complaint policy FAI Rulebook Safeguarding training (add any additional policies, procedures or code of Conducts)	1.FAI Child Welfare & Safeguarding Policy
Risk of harm of abuse when hosting an activity and or an away trip	FAI Child Welfare and Safeguarding policy FAI Concern-Complaint policy Safeguarding training (add any additional policies, procedures or code of Conducts)	2. FAI Concern-Complaint Policy
Risk of harm of online abuse through social media	FAI Child Welfare and Safeguarding policy FAI Social Media policy (add any additional policies, procedures or code of Conducts)	3. FAI Social Media Policy
Bullying of a child	FAI Child Welfare and Safeguarding policy FAI Concern-Complaint policy FAI Social Media policy (add any additional policies, procedures or code of Conducts)	4. FAI Rulebook

Implementation and Review

The LDL Child Safeguarding Statement has been developed in line with requirements under the Children First Act 2015, (the Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children (2017), and Tusla's Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice).

The LDL 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 our activities;

Procedures for the safe recruitment and selection of staff and volunteers to work with children in our activities;

Procedures for provision of and access to child safeguarding training and information, including the identification of the occurrence of harm;

Procedure for reporting child protection or welfare concerns to Statutory Authorities;

Procedures for maintaining a list of the persons in the relevant service who are mandated;

Procedure for appointing a relevant person.

All procedures/policies listed are available on request. FAI Policies and the FAI Rulebook are available on www.fai.ie/domestic (add in Club/League website if necessary)

The Mandated person for the LDL is and the Designated Liaison Person is

LDL recognizes that implementation is an ongoing process. Our league is committed to the implementation of this Child Safeguarding Statement and the accompanying child welfare and safeguarding policies and procedures that support our intention to keep children safe from harm while participating in our activities. This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed on 31st March 2028 or as soon as practicable after there has been material change in any matter to which the statement refers.

This statement has been published on the LDL website; www.ldl.ie and displayed in a prominent place on the premises.

It has been provided to all staff, volunteers and any other persons involved with the service. It is readily accessible to parents and guardians on request. A copy of this Statement will be made available to Tusla and members of the public if requested.

Signed: Paddy Collins Date: 7/07/2026

On behalf of the Limerick & District League.

For further information on this Child Safeguarding Statement, please contact Paddy Collins -

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