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Limerick District League

SUPERVISION POLICY

Safeguarding & Child Welfare | 2026

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LIMERICK DISTRICT LEAGUE Safeguarding Pack

Child Welfare & Safeguarding Department Limerick District League, Limerick City, Ireland

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Safeguarding Department

Purpose

The Safeguarding Department ensures that every child and young person involved in Limerick District League activities is protected from harm, treated with respect, and supervised appropriately. It oversees compliance with the FAI Child Welfare & Safeguarding Policy and supports clubs in implementing best-practice standards.

Responsibilities

Develop and review all safeguarding and supervision policies.

Provide training and guidance to coaches, managers, and volunteers.

Ensure safe recruitment procedures for all adults working with children.

Respond promptly to any safeguarding concerns or incidents.

Liaise with the FAI Child Welfare Officer and statutory agencies when required.

Maintain confidentiality and accurate records of all safeguarding matters.

Reporting Concerns

All safeguarding concerns must be reported immediately to the LDL Child Welfare Officer. Reports should include:

Name of the child and club involved

Nature of the concern or incident

Date, time, and location

Actions taken and individuals notified

Contact Information

Safeguarding Department - Limerick District League Email: safeguarding@limerickdistrictleague.ie Phone: 061-XXX-XXX Address: Limerick District League Offices, Limerick, Ireland

Commitment

The Limerick District League is committed to maintaining the highest standards of child welfare and safeguarding. Football in Limerick should always be a safe and positive environment for all children.

Supervision Policy

Definition

A Child is anyone under the age of 18.

Purpose

To ensure a safe, supervised, and enjoyable environment for all children participating in Limerick District League activities.

Supervision Ratios

Adequate adult-to-child ratios must be maintained.

Mixed-gender groups require at least one adult of each gender.

Continuous Supervision

Children must be supervised at all times.

Adults should avoid being left alone with a child.

One-to-one conversations must occur in open, visible areas.

Start and Finish Times

Training and match times must be clearly communicated.

Children collected late must remain in pairs and supervised.

Changing Rooms & Privacy

Adults must respect children’s privacy.

Adults only enter changing rooms when necessary and always in pairs.

Injuries & Accidents

Parents/guardians must be informed.

Incident reports must be completed.

First Aid must be available at all sessions.

Suitability of Activities

Activities must be appropriate for the age, experience, and ability of the children.

Equipment & Facilities

Equipment must meet safety standards.

Facilities must be appropriate.

FAI Goalpost Safety Guidelines must be followed.

Transport & Travel

Two adults should accompany children during travel.

Children should not travel alone with an adult.

Late Collection Procedure

Child remains supervised and in pairs.

Attempts made to contact parent/guardian.

Repeated lateness recorded.

Review of Policy

Reviewed annually or sooner if legislation or FAI guidance changes.

Core Policies

Child Protection Policy

Outlines procedures for preventing abuse, recognising signs of harm, and responding to concerns.

Code of Conduct

Behavioural standards for coaches, players, parents, volunteers, and officials.

Photography & Social Media Policy

Regulates image use and online safety for minors.

Travel & Transport Policy

Ensures safe travel arrangements for youth teams.

Anti-Bullying Policy

Zero-tolerance approach with clear reporting procedures.

Operational Tools

Matchday Supervision Checklist

A quick-reference sheet ensuring safe matchday practice.

Incident / Concern Reporting Form

Standardised form for documenting safeguarding issues.

Late Collection Log

Record template for repeated late pickups.

Training Attendance Register

Confirms supervision ratios and adult presence.

Guidance & Training

Safeguarding Awareness Briefing

Mandatory for all coaches and volunteers.

FAI Child Welfare Training Requirements

Outlines required courses and renewal cycles.

Garda Vetting Procedures

Ensures all adults working with children are vetted.

Annual Review Template

Used by clubs to audit safeguarding compliance.

Contact Directory

Limerick District League Safeguarding Department

Email: safeguarding@limerickdistrictleague.ie Phone: 061-XXX-XXX

FAI Child Welfare Office

childwelfare@fai.ie

Tusla - Child & Family Agency

www.tusla.ie

Local Garda Station (Community Liaison)

Contact details vary by club location.

Appendices

Glossary of Safeguarding Terms

Definitions of key safeguarding terminology.

Summary of Relevant Irish Legislation

Children First Act 2015, National Vetting Bureau Act, etc.

FAI Safeguarding Policy Links

Direct references to official FAI safeguarding documents.

Annual Review Checklist

Used by clubs to confirm compliance.