



KILL CELTIC FC



Child Safeguarding Policy

Kill Celtic FC is committed to ensuring that all necessary steps will be taken to protect and safeguard the welfare of children and young people who participate in activities in our Club. All children and young people who participate in Club activities should be able to do so in a safe and enjoyable environment. While doing so they should be protected from any form of abuse, be it physical, emotional, sexual, neglect or bullying. The responsibility for protecting children lies with all adults involved in this Club. These policies and procedures, in addition to relevant training programmes, will ensure that everybody in Kill Celtic FC is aware of what is expected of them in relation to protecting children and young people within the Club.

In pursuit of this goal Kill Celtic FC will:

- Advise all members of Kill Celtic FC (coaches, players, parents/guardians and spectators) of their responsibilities in relation to the welfare and protection of children and young people who participate in soccer.
- Operate within the recommended FAI Codes of Conduct and best practice guidelines as set out in the Children First Act 2015 and Tusla's Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice.
- Appoint a Club Child Protection Officer.
- Appoint a Designated Liaison Person
- Endeavour to provide child protection and welfare courses to all managers/coaches at Kill Celtic FC.
- Endeavour to provide emergency first aid courses for all coaches and staff.
- Ensure that all coaches and staff of Kill Celtic FC are Garda Vetted.

The aims of this Kill Celtic FC Child Protection Policy are:

- To be pro-active in order to best protect all children and young people who participate in activities at Kill Celtic FC.
- To provide appropriate guidance and advice to all Club members (players, coaches, volunteers, spectators and parents) in all matters concerning child welfare and protection.
- To promote best practice in child welfare and protection.
- To promote ethics and best practice standards throughout the Club.

The key principles underpinning this Policy are that:

- The welfare of the child is the first and paramount consideration.
- The safety and welfare of children is everyone's responsibility.
- All children and young people have a right to be protected from abuse of any kind regardless of their age, gender, disability, culture, language, racial origin, religious beliefs or sexual identity.
- All suspicions and allegations of abuse/poor practice must be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately.
- The Club will cooperate fully with the statutory authorities in accordance with procedures as outlined in the Children First Act 2015.

The Child Protection Officer and the Relevant Person for the purpose of Children First 2015 is Martina Rice.

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