



# Cricket Ireland Child Safeguarding Statement

## Section 1 – Club Information

Munster Cricket Union provides various sporting activities and opportunities for young people through participation in clubs, regional/provincial events and through our national teams.

- **Club Name: Munster Cricket Union**
- **Sport: Cricket**
- **Location: Munster & Connacht (Part)**
- **Size (Number of staff/members): 1 Staff Member**

## Section 2 - Principles to safeguard children from harm

Munster Cricket Union is committed to safeguarding children and by working under the guidance of our Safeguarding Policies our staff, both volunteers and employed, working with our young people, throughout the organisation, seek to create a safe environment for young people to grow and develop within sport. The following set of principles should be adhered to:

- **Importance of childhood** - The importance of childhood should be understood and valued by everyone involved in sport.
- **Needs of the child** - All children's sport experiences should be guided by what is best for children. This means that adults should have a basic understanding of the emotional, physical and personal needs of young people.
- **Integrity in relationships** - Adults interacting with children in sport are in a position of trust and influence. They should always ensure that children are treated with integrity and respect, and the self-esteem of young people is enhanced.
- **Fair Play** - All children's sport should be conducted in an atmosphere of fair play. The principles of fair play should always be emphasised, and organisers should give clear guidelines regarding acceptable standards of behaviour.
- **Quality atmosphere & ethos** - Children's sport should be conducted in a safe, positive, and encouraging atmosphere.
- **Competition** - Competition is an essential element of sport and should be encouraged in an age-appropriate manner. A child centred ethos will help to ensure that competition and specialisation is kept in their appropriate place.
- **Equality** - All children should be valued and treated in an equitable and fair manner regardless of ability, age, gender, religion, social and ethnic background or political Persuasion.

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<p><b>Communications</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Lack of awareness of 'risk of harm' with members and visitors.</li> <li>— No communication of Child Safeguarding Statement of Code of Conduct to members of visitors.</li> <li>— Unauthorised photography &amp; recording of activities.</li> <li>— Inappropriate use of social media &amp; communications by under 18's</li> <li>— Inappropriate use of social media &amp; communications with under 18's.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Child Safeguarding Statement (displayed)</li> <li>— Child Safeguarding Statement (displayed) / Code of Conduct (distribute).</li> <li>— Social Media, Use of Video, Photography and Mobile Phones Guide</li> <li>— Social Media, Use of Video, Photography and Mobile Phones Guide / Code of Conduct</li> <li>— Code of Conduct</li> </ul>
<p><b>General Risk of Harm</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Harm not being recognised.</li> <li>— Harm caused by: Child to Child. Coach to Child. Volunteer to Child. Member to Child. Visitor to Child.</li> <li>— General behavioural issues.</li> <li>— Issues of Bullying.</li> <li>— Vetting of staff/volunteers.</li> <li>— Issues of Online Safety</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Safeguarding Policy / Safe Recruitment and Training Policy / Roles and Responsibilities.</li> <li>— Safeguarding Policy / Safe Recruitment and Training Policy / Dealing with Child Protection Concerns.</li> <li>— Code of Conduct.</li> <li>— Anti-Bullying Policy.</li> <li>— Safe Recruitment and Training Policy / Vetting Policy.</li> </ul>

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**Section 4 – Procedures**

Our Child Safeguarding Statement has been developed in line with requirements under the Children First Act 2015, Children First: National Guidance, Children (NI) Order 1995, and Tusla's

Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice. 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.

(Insert name of club) 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 child protection or welfare concerns to Statutory Authorities.
- Procedure for maintaining a list of the persons (if any) in the relevant service who are mandated persons.
- Procedure for appointing a relevant person.

Please note that all procedures listed are available on request.

The Designated Liaison Person for Munster Cricket Union is Anna Makin and can be contacted on +353 83 4399026 or [safeguarding@munstercricket.ie](mailto:safeguarding@munstercricket.ie)

**Section 5 – Implementation**

We recognise that implementation is an ongoing process. Our club is committed to the implementation of this Child Safeguarding Statement and the procedures that support our intention to keep children safe from harm while availing of our activities.

Please note the following:

- That all staff have been furnished with a copy of this statement.
- This statement is available to parents/guardians, the Agency and members of the public on request.
- This statement will be displayed in a prominent place by (insert club name).

This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed on (insert date <24 months)

Signed:   
(Munster Cricket Union)

Date: 3 March 2024

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