

## Triathlon Ireland Club Child Safeguarding Statement

### Club Information

AthyTriathlon Club, based in County Kildare, provides sporting activities and opportunities for young people through participation in the club’s activities and events.

### Principles to safeguard children from harm

AthyTriathlon Club is committed to safeguarding children and by working under the guidance of Triathlon Ireland’s 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 triathlon. The following set of principles should be adhered to; importance of childhood, the needs of the child, integrity in relationships, fair play, quality atmosphere & ethos, competition and equality.

### Risk Assessment

Below is a summary of our risk assessment which indicated areas of potential harm and policy/procedures in place to mitigate these risks. This Risk Assessment was undertaken on the 20/10/2024

Risks Identified (as defined in the Children First Act 2015)	Policies/Procedure in Place to mitigate for risks
<p><b>Club &amp; Coaching Practices</b>            Risk of harm by a member of staff/volunteer</p> <p>Risk of harm of a child by a visitor to the service</p> <p>Risk of harm of a child on outings/trips</p>	<p><a href="#">Vetting Policy</a></p> <p><a href="#">Safe Recruitment Policy</a></p> <p><a href="#">Code of Conduct (coaches/leaders)</a></p> <p><a href="#">Safeguarding Policy for Junior Events</a></p> <p><a href="#">Physical Contact Policy</a></p> <p><a href="#">Event Management &amp; Safety Plan</a></p> <p><a href="#">Reporting Procedures for Safeguarding and Code of Conduct Concerns</a></p> <p><a href="#">Travel and Overnight Trips Policy.</a></p> <p><a href="#">Missing Children Procedure and flow chart</a></p>
<p><b>Complaints &amp; Discipline</b>            Risk of harm through lack of awareness of complaints not being dealt with seriously.</p>	<p><a href="#">Complaints Policy</a></p> <p><a href="#">Disciplinary Policy</a></p>
<p><b>Reporting Procedures</b>            Risk of harm through lack of knowledge of how to report or concerns not reported.</p>	<p><a href="#">Safeguarding Training Policy</a></p> <p><a href="#">Reporting Procedures for Safeguarding and Code of Conduct Concerns</a></p>

<p><b>Use of Facilities</b>          Unauthorised access to designated children’s play &amp; practice areas &amp; to changing rooms.</p> <p>Unauthorised exit from children’s areas.</p> <p>Photography, filming or recording in prohibited areas.</p> <p>Missing or found child on site.</p> <p>Children sharing facilities with adults</p>	<p><a href="#">Safeguarding Policy for Junior Events</a></p> <p><a href="#">Safety Guidelines for Club Sessions</a></p> <p><a href="#">Photography and Filming Policy</a></p> <p><a href="#">Event Management &amp; Safety Plan</a></p> <p><a href="#">Missing Children Procedure and flow chart</a></p> <p><a href="#">Photography and Filming Policy</a></p>
<p><b>Recruitment</b>          Risk of harm due to recruitment of inappropriate/unqualified people</p> <p>Lack of clarity of role.</p>	<p><a href="#">Vetting Policy</a></p> <p><a href="#">Safe Recruitment Policy</a></p> <p><a href="#">Code of Conduct (coaches/leaders)</a></p>
<p><b>Communication</b>          Risk of harm of a child through the use of unauthorised photography</p> <p>Risk of harm of online abuse through social media.</p> <p>Lack of awareness of ‘risk of harm’ with members and visitors.</p> <p>No communication of Child Safeguarding Statement of Code of Behaviour to members of visitors.</p> <p>Unauthorised photography &amp; recording of activities.</p>	<p><a href="#">Photography and Filming Policy</a></p> <p><a href="#">Social Media Guidance for Juniors</a></p> <p><a href="#">Social Media Guidance for Coaches and Leaders</a></p> <p><a href="#">Social Media Guidance for Clubs</a></p> <p><a href="#">Guidance for Coaches and Clubs for Online Sessions</a></p>
<p><b>General Risk of Harm</b>          Risk of harm of bullying of a child by a member of staff/ volunteer/peer</p> <p>General behavioural issues</p> <p>Harm not being recognised</p>	<p><a href="#">Anti-Bullying Policy</a></p> <p><a href="#">Code of Conduct (coaches/leaders)</a></p> <p><a href="#">Code of Conduct (young members)</a></p> <p><a href="#">Code of Conduct (parents/carers)</a></p> <p><a href="#">Safeguarding Training Policy</a></p>

**Procedures**

This Child Safeguarding statement was developed in line with requirements under the Children First Act

