



## **Irish Waterski and Wakeboard Federation**

### **Policies, Procedures and Guidance on Safeguarding Of Children and Vulnerable Adults**

This document consolidates the various policies procedures and guidance documents of the Irish Waterski and Wakeboard Federation ( IrWWF) in relation to the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults. The document contains the following IrWWF policies, procedures and guidance:

- 1. Child Safeguarding Statement**
- 2. Policy Statement on Safeguarding**
- 3. IWWF Policies, Procedures and Guidance on Safeguarding of Children and Vulnerable Adults**
- 4. Safeguarding Complaints Procedure**
- 5. Recruitment / Vetting Procedure**
- 6. Guidelines for Safe Recruitment**
- 7. Child Abuse/Neglect Reporting Procedure**
- 8. Code of Conduct for Young People**
- 9. Code of Conduct for Sports Leaders**
- 10. Guidelines for Sports Leaders**
- 11. Guidelines for Parents/Guardians**
- 12. Guidelines on Confidentiality**
- 13. Policy on Education and Training of Sports Leaders**
- 14. Supervision and General Guidelines**
- 15. Statement on Social Networking**
- 16. Allegation / Incident Record Form**
- 17. Procedure for complaints about possible abuse inside the organisation**
- 18. Procedure for complaints about possible abuse outside the organisation**
- 19. Anti-Bullying Policy**
- 20. IWWF Safeguarding Risk Assessment**



## **1, The Irish Waterski and Wakeboard Federation**

### **Child Safeguarding Statement**

*Irish Waterski & Wakeboard Federation* provides various sporting activities and opportunities for young people through participation in clubs, regional/provincial events and through our national teams.

*Irish Waterski & Wakeboard Federation* is committed to safeguarding children and by working under the guidance of *The Irish Waterski & Wakeboard Federation* Safeguarding Policies our officials, and volunteers, working with our young people throughout the organisation, seeks to create a safe environment for young people to grow and develop.

The *Irish Waterski & Wakeboard Federation's* written Safeguarding Risk Assessment document indicates the areas of potential risk of harm, the likelihood of the risk occurring, and gives the required policy, guidance or process documents require to alleviate these risks. The list of risks identified are contained in the following categories: Club and Coaching Practices; Complaints & Discipline; Reporting Procedures; Use of Facilities; Recruitment; Communications; and General Risk of Harm.

The Risk Assessment was undertaken on *18th February 2018*.

Our Child Safeguarding Statement has been developed in line with requirements under the Children First Act 2015, (the Children First: National Guidance, and Tusla's (Child and Family Agency) 'Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice' and Sport NI and NSPCC Guidelines. In addition to our Safeguarding Risk Assessment document described above, there are further procedures that support our intention to safeguard children while they are availing of our activities.

*The Irish Waterski & Wakeboard Federation* has the following procedures in place as part of our Safeguarding Policies:

- Procedures for the management of allegations of abuse or misconduct by officials or volunteers against a child availing of our activities
- Procedures for the safe recruitment of officials 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



There is a requirement for a mandated person to be responsible for safeguarding children in National Governing Bodies and the Mandated Person for The *Irish Waterski & Wakeboard Federation* is *Paul Carroll*.

We recognise that implementation is an ongoing process. Our Federation 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.

This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022

Signed:  Date: 16<sup>th</sup> November 2021

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