



Policy and Procedure for Access to Child Safeguarding Training 2024.

Safeguarding Training Policy

Having considered the Guidance in 'Best Practice Principles for Organisations in Developing Children First Training Programmes' the Executive Committee of FMBC is of the view that Safeguarding training needs to:

- Initially be bought in from a reputable organisation. Be provided by a tutor trained by Sports Ireland and include Sports Ireland Certificates.
- Provide for different levels of training, i.e. level one for all volunteers as general training, level two for children's officers, child safeguarding lead and level three for DLPs.
- Be renewed at least every three years, in line with recommendations from Sport Ireland (Safeguarding Guidance for Children and Young People in Sport, 2019)
- Meet the requirements of the Basketball Ireland Licensing Program for coaches

Scope

Expected attendees of Safeguarding 1 include; in accordance with Sports Ireland "Safeguarding Guidance for Children & young people in Sport" persons working with or who have interactions with or who are involved in the planning/administration of activities or events with young people.

Fr. Mathews Basketball club as part of, their commitment to child Safeguarding aspire to have club volunteers who work with children complete Safeguarding 1. The committee encourages and facilitates completion of this course.

While table officials are not currently required to complete Child Safeguarding Level 1, all volunteers who complete in-house table official training will complete an in-house child safeguarding session with the Child Safeguarding Lead.

The following groups of volunteers will attend level one training;

- Coaches, assistant coaches, both for teams and camps
- Team managers
- Executive Committee members (excluding specialist advisors who do not have a role with children)
- Anyone else identified as essential by the Child Safeguarding Lead.

All new volunteers in these roles will be informed of the need and availability of safeguarding training during their induction to their role.

Record keeping

The Child Safeguarding Lead will maintain a database of training records and send out reminders when retraining is required (every three years or when the relevant legislative requirements change)

The Child Safeguarding Lead will work with all identified people to ensure they are provided with adequate opportunities for Safeguarding training. Should any person refuse to attend training or refresher, the Child Safeguarding lead will inform the Executive Committee and their 'permission to volunteer' will be reviewed.

Supervision and Advice

The Child Safeguarding lead as 'relevant person' is available for supervision for club volunteers and the Clubs Children's Officers are available for advice.

Should further or specialist advice be necessary this can be arranged through the Child Safeguarding lead.

Basketball Ireland National Children's Officer is also available for advice to Club volunteers.

Signed off By Fr. Mathews Basketball Club Committee.

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