

The designated Liaison Persons and Mandated Officers for Child Protection are Muriel O'Meara and Robert Fahy.

This Club's written 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.

Our Child Safeguarding Statement has been developed in line with requirements under the Children First Act. 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.

Ennis Lawn Tennis & Badminton 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

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.

This statement will be displayed in the clubhouse and will be published on the website of Ennis Lawn Tennis and Badminton Club. A copy of this statement will be made available to any parent, committee member, coach or volunteer on request. A copy of this statement will be made available to Tusla – Child and Family agency if requested.

This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed on 16.02.2021.

Signed:  Date: 19/02/19
(On behalf of the Ennis Tennis & Badminton Club)

Name: Phone no:

For queries on this Child Safeguarding Statement, please contact *Muriel O Meara or Robert Fahy*

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Ennis Lawn Tennis and Badminton Club

Child Safeguarding Statement

Date February 2019

Review date February 2021

Important Information:

This document is a guide to ensure our compliance with the Childrens First Act 2015.

Under Childrens First 2015, all organisations who are involved with children and or vulnerable adults are required to have a safeguarding statement. This includes people who are unpaid and providing a voluntary service.

NAME OF SERVICE AND ACTIVITIES PROVIDED

Ennis Lawn Tennis & Badminton Club is a voluntary sporting organisation providing tennis and badminton activities and opportunities for young people, through participation in coaching, club competitions, regional/provincial events and national competitions. Governance of the club is by an elected committee at a yearly AGM.

COMMITMENT TO SAFEGUARD CHILDREN FROM HARM

Ennis Lawn Tennis & Badminton Club is committed to safeguarding the children in our care and to provide a safe environment in which they can play, learn and develop. Ennis Lawn Tennis and Badminton Club believe that the welfare of the children attending the club is paramount. The club is committed to child centred practice in all of our work and contact with children. The club is committed to upholding the rights of every child and young person who attends the club, including the right to be kept safe and protected from harm, listened to and heard.

Our policy and procedures to safe guard children and young people reflect national policy and legislation and are underpinned by Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children 2017, the Tusla Children First – Child Safeguarding Guide 2017 and the Children First Act 2015.

Our policy declaration applies to all staff, volunteers, committee/board members and coaches within the organisation. All committee members, staff, volunteers and coaches must sign up to and abide by the policies, procedures and guidance encompassed by this policy declaration and our safeguarding policy and accompanying procedures.

Ennis Lawn Tennis and Badminton Club will review their child safeguarding statement and accompanying policies and procedure every two years, or sooner if necessary, due to changes in legislation or national policy.