



POLICY HANDBOOK

Child Welfare & Protection Policy

1. Purpose

Ensures the welfare, safety, and protection of all children involved in club activities.

2. Scope

Applies to coaches, volunteers, committee members, parents, and players.

3. Responsibilities

- Safeguarding Officer oversees implementation.
- Adults follow safeguarding procedures.
- Coaches maintain safe boundaries.

4. Policy Details

4.1 Safe Environment

The club ensures:

- Safe supervision
- Age-appropriate coaching
- Respectful behaviour
- Inclusion
- Anti-bullying measures

4.2 Safe Boundaries

Adults must:

- Avoid one-to-one situations
- Maintain professional communication
- Avoid private messaging with children
- Use group communication including parents
- Avoid entering dressing rooms unless authorised

4.3 Physical Contact

Must be:

- Appropriate
- Non-aggressive
- Related to coaching or safety

4.4 Digital Safety

- No private messaging
- No sharing images without consent

- Use official channels only

5. Procedures

- Report concerns immediately
- Document incidents
- Follow FAI pathways

6. Reporting & Compliance

Reports may be made to Safeguarding Officer, Committee, FAI, or Tusla.

Review & Amendment - Annual review.

Endorsement

Approved by: Kiltullagh Pioneers A.F.C. Executive Committee

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