



# Child Safeguarding Statement

Dalkey Devils Volleyball Club is an organization non-profit, and run exclusively by volunteers. As a volleyball club, we provide sporting activities for children age 12 + and for adults.

In accordance with the requirements of the Children First Act 2015, Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children 2017, the Children Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools 2017 and Tusla Guidance on the preparation of Child Safeguarding Statements, the Board of Management of Dalkey Devils Volleyball Club has agreed the Child Safeguarding Statement set out in this document.

Dalkey Devils VC follows written Risk Assessment released by Volleyball Association of Ireland (VAI). This document indicates the areas of potential risk of harm, the likelihood of the risk occurring, and gives the required policy, guidance or process documents required 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.

Dalkey Devils have the following procedures in place as part of VAI Safeguarding Policies:

1. The Board of Management has adopted and will implement fully and without modification the Department's Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools 2017 as part of this overall Child Safeguarding Statement.
2. The Designated Liaison Person (DLP) is Ms Magdalena Barankiewicz
3. The Children's Officer is Ms Agnieszka Wala
4. Procedures for the management of allegations of abuse or misconduct by staff or volunteers against a child availing of our activities
5. Procedures for the safe recruitment of staff and volunteers to work with children in our activities
6. Procedures for access to child safeguarding training and information, including the identification of the occurrence of harm
7. Procedure for reporting of child protection or welfare concerns to Statutory Authorities

Dalkey Devils Volleyball Club will:

- Recognise that the protection and welfare of children is of paramount importance, regardless of all other considerations;
- Fully comply with its statutory obligations under the Children First Act 2015 and other relevant legislation relating to the protection and welfare of children;
- Fully cooperate with the relevant statutory authorities in relation to the child protection and welfare matters;
- Adopt safe practices to minimise the possibility of harm or accidents happening to the children and protect workers from the necessity to take an unnecessary risk that may leave themselves open to accusations of abuse or neglect;
- Develop a practice of openness with parents and encourage parental involvement in the education of their children;
- Fully respect confidentiality requirements in dealing with child protection matters.

We recognise that implementation is an on-going 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 Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed on *15/05/2019*.

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The Club President

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