



Safeguarding Statement

Section 1 – Swords Sailing & Boating Club Information

Swords Sailing & Boating Club (SSBC) is a sailing club based on the Malahide Estuary in Dublin. It runs organises regular dinghy and Catamaran races. As well as social sailing, some training (typically for club members) and junior sailing. Junior sailors can participate in social sailing, training and club races.

SSBC details:

- Name: Swords Sailing & Boating Club (SSBC)
- Sport: Sailing and Powerboating
- Location: Swords Sailing & Boating Club, Broadmeadow Estuary, Malahide, Co. Dublin
- Size: 120 members
- Activities: Senior & junior social sailing, training and racing

Section 2 - Principles to safeguard children from harm

SSBC is committed to safeguarding children by working under the guidance of our Safeguarding Policies. Our members working with our young people, seek to create a safe environment for young people to grow and develop within sport. The following set of principles are adhered to:

- **Importance of childhood** - The importance of childhood is understood and valued by everyone involved in our sport.
- **Needs of the child** - All children's sport experiences are guided by what is best for children. This means that adults have a basic understanding of the emotional, physical and personal needs of young people.
- **Integrity in relationships** - Adults interacting with children in sport are in a position of trust and influence. They should always ensure that children are treated with integrity and respect, and the self-esteem of young people is enhanced.
- **Fair Play** - All children's sport should be conducted in an atmosphere of fair play. The principles of fair play should always be emphasised, and organisers should give clear guidelines regarding acceptable standards of behaviour.
- **Quality atmosphere & ethos** - Children's sport should be conducted in a safe, positive and encouraging atmosphere.
- **Competition** - Competition is an essential element of sailing and is encouraged in an age-appropriate manner. A child centred ethos will help to ensure that competition and specialisation are kept in their appropriate place.
- **Equality** - All children are valued and treated in an equitable and fair manner regardless of ability, age, gender, religion, social and ethnic background, or political persuasion.

Section 3 - Risk Assessment

This SSBC written Risk Assessment document indicates the areas of potential risk of harm and gives the required policy, guidance or process documents required to alleviate these risks. The list of risks identified and procedures to manage these risks are contained in the following categories:

Risk Identified	Procedure in place to manage risk identified
<p>Club and Coaching Practices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Lack of coaching qualification. — Supervision issues. — Unauthorised photography & recording activities. — Behavioural Issues. — No guidance for travelling & away-trips. — Lack of adherence with misc procedures in Safeguarding policy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Instructor & Coaches Charter. — General Supervision Policy. — Photography & Images policy — Codes of Conduct / Complaints Disciplinary Action & Appeals Procedure. — Transport & Overnight Policy. — Safeguarding Policies / Complaints, Disciplinary Actions & Appeals Procedure.
<p>Complaints & Discipline</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Lack of awareness of a Complaints & Disciplinary policy. — Difficulty in raising an issue by a child & or a parent. — Complaints not being dealt with seriously. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Complaints, Disciplinary Actions & Appeals Procedure. — Complaints, Disciplinary Actions & Appeals Procedure. — Complaints, Disciplinary Actions & Appeals Procedure.

<p>Reporting Procedures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Lack of knowledge of organisational & statutory reporting procedures. — No DLP appointed. — Concerns of abuse or harm not reported. — Not clear who YP should talk to or report to. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Safeguarding Policies / Complaints, Disciplinary Actions & Appeals Procedure. — Roles & Responsibilities. — Safeguarding Policies / Complaints, Disciplinary Actions & Appeals Procedure Safeguarding Training – Level 1-2-3 — Poster with names of Junior Affairs Officer, Designated Person & Committee. / Safeguarding Policy Document
<p>Use of Facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Unauthorised access to designated children’s areas & to changing rooms, showers, toilets. — Unauthorised exit from children’s areas. — Photography, filming or recording in prohibited areas. — Missing or found child on site. — Children sharing facilities with adults e. g. dressing room, showers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Supervision Policy / Safeguarding Policies. — Supervision policy. — Photography & Images Policy. — Supervision Policy / Safeguarding Policies. — Supervision Policy / Safeguarding Policies.
<p>Communications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Lack of awareness of ‘risk of harm’ with members and visitors. — No communication of Child Safeguarding Statement of Code of Behaviour to members of visitors. — Unauthorised photography & recording of activities. — Inappropriate use of social media & communications by under 18’s 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Child Safeguarding Statement / Safeguarding Policies. — Child Safeguarding Statement (display) / Codes of Conduct / Coach Charter (distribute). — Photography & Images Policy. — Social Media Policy / WhatsApp Guidelines / Codes of conduct

General Risk of Harm

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">— Harm not being recognised.
— Harm caused by:
Child to Child.
Coach to Child.
Volunteer to Child.
Member to Child.
Visitor to Child.
— General behavioural issues.
— Issues of Bullying
— Vetting of staff/volunteers.
— Issues of Online Safety | <ul style="list-style-type: none">— Safeguarding policy / Child Safeguarding Training Plan
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— Code of Conduct.
— Anti-Bullying policy.
— Recruitment policy / Vetting policy.
— Social Media / Online Safety policy. |
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The Risk Assessment was undertaken on **13th May 2021.**

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Section 4 – Procedures

Our Child Safeguarding Statement has been developed in line with requirements under the Children First Act 2015 The Children First: National Guidance, Tusla's Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure & Practice and Sport Ireland's Safeguarding Guidance for Children & Young People in Sport.

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. A full list and explanation of these procedures can be found in our Safeguarding Policies, available on request.

The relevant person for enquires on these issues is Darragh Dunne and may be contacted at darraghdunne@gmail.com or by phone at 0876697076. Alternatively contact any member of the committee at info@swordssailing.ie.

Section 5 – Implementation

We recognise that implementation is an ongoing process. SSBC 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.

Please note the following:

- The committee have been furnished with a copy of this statement.
- This statement is available to parents/guardians, Tusla, Irish Sailing and members of the public on request.
- This statement will be displayed on our website at swordssailing.ie and on display in our club.

This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed by 30st April 2023

Signed: Darragh Dunne

Date: 13th May 2021

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