

The Gaelic Games Council of Britain

Child Protection and Welfare Policy Statement

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The Gaelic Games Council of Britain (GGCB) are committed to creating and maintaining the safest possible environment for all young people who participate in our Gaelic Games and activities.

We shall take all practicable steps to protect them from discernible forms of abuse, from harm, discrimination or degrading treatment and shall respect their rights, wishes and feelings.

We do this by:

- Recognising that all children regardless of age, gender, religion or beliefs, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation or socioeconomic background have the right to be protected from harm.
- Ensuring that all our members, their coaches and volunteers are carefully recruited and selected in accordance with our own guidelines which our members must follow and relevant legislative requirements and that our members, their coaches and volunteers accept responsibility for ensuring the wellbeing of children in their care.
- Responding swiftly and appropriately to any allegations or concerns so as to protect the welfare of children who participate in our games and related activities.
- Appointing a Designated Officer to assist, advise and oversee the implementation of good child protection and welfare practices within GGCB, ensuring that its members appoint a Designated Officer the processing of child protection and welfare matters and who will liaise with the statutory authorities as appropriate.
- Providing parents and children with the opportunity to voice their concerns.
- Ensuring that all allegations of abuse of young people are confidentially dealt with in accordance the GGCB adopted guidelines (set out in Schedule 1) and relevant legislation.
- Reviewing the effectiveness of GGCB's Child Protection and Welfare procedures (set out in Schedule 2) and related policies on an on-going basis and not less than once every three years.
- Ensuring that members, coaches, team mentors, administrators, sign up to and adhere to the GGCB adopted Codes of Behaviour (set out in Schedule 3).
- Promoting the Give Respect - Get Respect initiative at all levels within GGCB and its members.

Schedule 1

GGCB adopted guidelines

No	Guideline
1	Dealing with allegations of abuse - Guidelines for dealing with allegations of abuse

Schedule 2

GGCB's Child Protection and Welfare procedures

No	Procedure
1	Dealing with allegations of abuse - Procedure for reporting allegations of abuse

- 2 Dealing with allegations of abuse flow chart
- 3 Incident report form
- 4 Anti-bullying Statement
- 5 Dealing with bullying

Schedule 3

GGCB adopted Codes of Behaviour

- | No | Code of Behaviour |
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| 1 | Code of Behaviour for working with Children under 18 years of age |
| 2 | Young Player Code of Behaviour |
| 3 | Coaches, Mentors and Trainers Code of Behaviour |
| 4 | Parents/Guardians Code of Behaviour |
| 5 | Supporters Code of Behaviour |
| 6 | Referees Code of Behaviour |
| 7 | Code of Behaviour for Clubs |