



CHILD SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT 2021

Wings Rhythmic Gymnastics provides sporting activities and opportunities for young people through participation in clubs, national events and our national teams. We are committed to safeguarding children at all levels of our organisation under the guidance of our Safeguarding Policies and legal obligations.

All our volunteers and staff working with our young people, throughout the organisation, seek to create a safe environment for young people to participate in our activities.

This statement recognises that in accordance with legislation and with the requirements of our Policies/Procedures that the welfare and interests of children are paramount in all circumstances. It aims to ensure that all children have a positive, developmental, and enjoyable experience of Gymnastics and when participating in our activities that they do so, as far as is practicable, in a safe and enjoyable environment where everyone is respected.

Risk Assessment

As per Section 11 (7) of the Children First Act 2015, we have undertaken a review of our child safeguarding statement & in conjunction with the review, we conducted a risk assessment of the potential for harm to children when they are participating in and attending our activities under the following headings: Club and Coaching Practices; Complaints & Discipline; Reporting Procedures; Use of Facilities; Recruitment; Communications/Social Media and a further heading of General Risk of Harm. Below is a list of areas of risk identified and the list of procedures for managing these risks.

RISK IDENTIFIED	POLICY IN PLACE
Risk of harm including assault, ill treatment or neglect of a child in a manner that seriously affects or is likely to seriously affect the child's health, development or welfare or sexual abuse of a child.	Child Safeguarding Policy - reporting procedures for staff & volunteers Recruitment Policy Child Safeguarding Training Policy Vetting Policy & Complaints/Disciplinary Rules and Procedures
Risk of harm of abuse when hosting an activity or an away trip	Child Safeguarding Policy - Hosting, Away Trips, Transport, Supervision & Codes of Conduct, International Travel Policy
Bullying of a child	Child Safeguarding Policy - Anti-Bullying Policy & Safeguarding Training

Our Child Safeguarding Statement has been prepared in accordance with the legislative requirements contained in the Children First Act 2015, Children's First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children (2017), the Children (NI) Order 1995, Tusla's Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice 1995.

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.

- Procedure in respect to the management of allegations of abuse against a member, non-member, staff/volunteer of a child.
- Procedure for the safe recruitment and selection of any individual with regard to their suitability to work with children Procedure for provision of and access to child safeguarding training (face to face/virtual) and information including the identification of the occurrence of harm.
- Procedure for the reporting of child protection or welfare concerns to Tusla.
- Procedure for appointing **a)** a relevant person – the National/Club Children’s Officer shall be the relevant person, first point of contact in respect of this statement and **b)** National/Club Designated Liaison Person and Children’s Officer Procedure in place for maintaining the name of the person who is the Mandated Person by the Board of Gymnastics.

The Wings Rhythmic Gymnastics Mandated Person, who has a legal obligation to report harm of children as per Children First Act 2015 is Enya Tierney (Policy, Welfare & Compliance Manager), email wingsrg@outlook.com or phone 085-854-6353.

We recognise that implementation is an ongoing process. Our Child Safeguarding Statement has been prepared in accordance with the requirements contained in the Children First Act 2015. Gymnastics Ireland is committed to the implementation of this Child Safeguarding Statement and will be reviewed within 24 months of the date below.

Signed:

Date:

Enya Tierney

22/09/2021

