

## CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

As the organisation recognised by the Irish Cricket Union as being responsible for the administration of competitions in our area, we are responsible for overseeing the adoption and implementation of the *Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Children's Sport in Ireland* ('the Code') by our member clubs. To maximise compliance with the Code, as set out in Section 2.8 thereof, we shall:

- (a) ensure that the Code is adopted, agreed to, implemented and signed up to by all member clubs;
  - (b) amend, as necessary, our Rules and procedures to reflect a safe and clearly defined method of recruiting, selecting and managing Sports Leaders;
  - (c) appoint a Children's Officer, who shall be an Honorary Officer and a member of the Executive Committee;
  - (d) ensure that effective disciplinary, complaints and appeals procedures are in place;
  - (e) have in place procedures for dealing with a concern or complaint made to the Statutory Authorities against a committee member or a Sports Leader;
  - (f) ensure that all member clubs with child members are fully affiliated and signed up to the Union's Rules;
  - (g) be represented by appropriate personnel at all education/training workshops dealing with the Code;
  - (h) where children are involved in representative teams, designate an appropriate senior officer of the Union as the person with responsibility for following the guidelines of the Code;
  - (i) review our child protection procedures regularly through open discussion with our members, the Sports Council and Statutory Authorities;
  - (j) establish contact with representatives of the Statutory Authorities in our area, thereby contributing to the creation of an environment in which knowledge of child protection issues and procedures is widespread;
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examine and take appropriate action in response to any reports of unusual incidents (eg a high rate of transfers or dropouts) received from clubs.