

SHANKILL TENNIS CLUB CHILD SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT – DECEMBER 2020

STC's Child Safeguarding Statement has been developed in line with requirements under the Children First Act 2015 and in accordance with the guidelines issued by our governing bodies – namely

Safeguarding Guidance for Children & Young People in Sport issued by Sport Ireland

Safeguarding Guidance for Children & Young People in Tennis issued by Tennis Ireland

STC acknowledges the duty of care to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and is committed to ensuring safeguarding practice reflects statutory responsibilities, government guidance and complies with best practice and Tennis Ireland requirements.

Our Safeguarding policy recognises that the welfare and interests of children are paramount in all circumstances. It aims to ensure that all children

- have a positive and enjoyable experience of sport at STC in a safe and child centred environment
- are protected from abuse whilst participating in the club.

As part of our safeguarding policy STC will

- promote and prioritise the safety and wellbeing of children and young people to participate in Tennis
- ensure everyone understands their roles and responsibilities in respect of safeguarding and is provided with appropriate learning opportunities to recognise, identify and respond to signs of abuse, neglect and other safeguarding concerns relating to children and young people
- ensure appropriate action is taken in the event of incidents/concerns of abuse and support provided to the individual/s who raise or disclose the concern
- ensure that confidential, detailed and accurate records of all safeguarding concerns are maintained and securely stored
- prevent the employment/deployment of unsuitable individuals
- ensure robust safeguarding arrangements and procedures are in operation.

Risk Assessment:

As part of our commitment to Child Safeguarding STC have carried out a Safeguarding Risk Assessment which 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 & Disciplinary; Reporting Procedures; Use of Facilities; Recruitment; Communications; and General Risk of Harm.

The Mandated Person for Shankill Tennis Club is Liam O'Donohoe, phone: 086 2618931.

We recognise that implementation is an ongoing process. We are 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 services. This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed every 2 years.

Club/Park/Province name, address and contact details:

Shankill Tennis Club Chairperson: Declan Kelly

Name: Signed: Date:

Declan Kelly:

Club/Park/Province Children's Officer (Relevant Person): Paul McCarthy

Name: Signed: Date:

Paul McCarthy

For any queries about this Child Safeguarding Statement, please contact the relevant Children's Officer.
(Contact Details on Notice Board and Club website)