

Safeguarding (Child Protection)

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To club secretaries for the information of all members:

Badminton Ireland has updated its Code of Conduct & Safeguarding Policy in accordance with current guidelines jointly agreed by the Irish Sports Council and Sport Northern Ireland.

The Code provides a complete Safeguarding Policy Guide for clubs, coaches and volunteers.

Ulster Badminton is part of Badminton Ireland and as such, its members are bound by the Code.

The Safeguarding Code can be viewed/downloaded from the Badminton Ireland website - [here](#)

It is the responsibility of all members to ensure that their club implements the guidelines set out in the Code.

Please note:

- The roles of 'designated officer' and 'children's officer' have been amalgamated into one 'Designated Safeguarding Children Officer' (D.S.C.O.).

Every club should designate a person to fill this post. The role of club D.S.C.O. is set out on pages 4 & 5 of the Code.

D.S.C.O.s and all participants/volunteers who are likely to come into contact with young people (anyone under the age of 18) are required to be vetted by Access N.I. and participate in a relevant 'Safeguarding Children and Young People' course before taking up their post. These include coaches, managers etc. and people who may just be supervising a session, a driver to an event, or any volunteer that a club may use. Vetting by Access N.I. is organised through the Ulster Badminton Office. For further information, please contact the Office.

Members wishing to participate in a Safeguarding Children and Young People course should leave their details with the Ulster Badminton Office either by email: enquiries@ulsterbadminton.com or telephone on 02892/668392

Courses are held on the basis of demand and dates are published on the Ulster Badminton website.

The roles of coaches and volunteers should be reviewed on a regular basis in line with changing legislation and there should be ongoing assessment of their training needs and skills levels.

The N.S.P.C.C. Child Protection in Sport Unit, which is the body responsible for ensuring that sports clubs in Northern Ireland adopt the guidelines, has decreed that clubs keep a written record of attendances at club nights for reference in case the need should arise. A simple note book is sufficient.

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