

Safeguarding in Sport

(Formerly Child Protection in Sport)

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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 Sports NI

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.

This circular is to update members on the current position regarding Safeguarding Standards in our sport.

The Safeguarding Code can be viewed/downloaded from the Badminton Ireland website – details below
In Home page go to 'About Us'. In drop down menu select 'Ethics, Rules & Regulations'.
It can be printed out or saved to another computer by clicking the appropriate icon at the top left hand corner of the screen.

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 responsible for the safety or coaching of young people (anyone under the age of 18) on a regular basis 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 Branch office. Contact the office for further information.

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Members wishing to participate in a Safeguarding Children and Young People course should leave their details with the Branch office or with Mervyn Fee at mervyn.fee@ntlworld.com or 07803 132711. Courses are held on the basis of demand and dates are published on the B. I. Website 'Events Calendar' page. It is planned that they will also be published on the Branch 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.
- As part of UBBUI compliance with Safeguarding and good practice we would advise Sports Clubs who are not already doing so, to keep a written record of attendances at club nights for reference in case the need should arise.

A simple notebook is sufficient. If this is not your club policy already, a sample attendance form and other forms for use in the event of suspected abuse are available on the B.I. website. In the Home page click 'Club'. Select 'Safety Forms for Clubs'. The Attendance and other forms for recording important matters where there might be a need for the information at a later date can be printed out or saved to another computer by clicking the appropriate icon at the top left hand corner of the screen.

- Safeguarding Standards also recommend that clubs have access to a First Aid box when coaching or at competitions – see "First Aid, Clubs" attachment to this circular for list of suggested contents. Further information can be obtained from the Branch's Children's Officer, see Branch website 'contact us' page.

In view of this and the importance attached to Safeguarding in Sport UBBUI requires clubs to acknowledge receipt of this circular. Acknowledgement does not confer any further responsibility on the recipients other than they make the contents known to their fellow club members.

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First Aid, Clubs

Legislation

Health & Safety (First-Aid) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1982.

Health & Safety at Work (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 (Amendment 1998).

Clubs are required to provide basic first aid treatment for injury, accidents etc. incurred during club activities.

They should appoint a designated person (“first-aider”) who shall be responsible for ensuring that a properly stocked first aid box is maintained on club premises, together with contact details of local emergency services and forms for recording incidents requiring first aid treatment. These forms are available on the BI website. On the home page click ‘Club’. Select ‘Safety Forms for Clubs’. They can be printed out or saved to another computer by clicking the appropriate icon at the top left hand corner of the screen.

First-aiders ARE NOT ALLOWED to administer any form of medication. Any members reporting to the first-aider that they require such treatment must be referred to their own doctor. Some members carry their own medications such as inhalers for asthma or ‘Epipens’ which contain injectable adrenaline for the treatment of severe allergic (anaphylactic) reactions, for example to peanuts. These medications are prescribed by a doctor. If an individual needs to take their own medication, the first-aiders role is limited to helping them do so and contacting the emergency services as appropriate.

The following is a guide as to what a basic first aid box should contain. It is not a definite or complete list.

- Pad and pencil – to record condition of person requiring first aid.
- Contact details of local emergency services.
- 20 individually wrapped sterile adhesive dressings of assorted sizes.
- 2 sterile eye pads, with attachments.
- 2 individually wrapped triangular bandages.
- 6 safety pins.
- 2 medium sized, individually wrapped sterile un-medicated wound dressings.
- 2 large, individually wrapped sterile un-medicated wound dressings.
- 3 extra large, individually wrapped sterile un-medicated wound dressings.
- 2 pairs of disposable gloves.
- Surgical tape.
- Medical Scissors.
- Ice-pack.

Note. First aid boxes **must not** contain any medications such as pain killers, creams or eye ointments. Other items such as protective clothing/equipment can be used e.g. disposable gloves, vent-aids.