



Child Safeguarding for Gorey Tennis Club

Gorey Tennis Club is committed to safeguarding children. Gorey Tennis Club seeks to create a safe environment for young people to grow and develop within sport.

Importance of childhood – The importance of childhood should be understood and valued by everyone involved in Gorey Tennis Club.

Needs of the child – All children's sport experience should be guided by what is best for children. This means that adults should have basic understanding of the emotional, physical and personal needs of young people.

Integrity in relationships – Adults interacting with children in tennis are in a position of trust and influence. They should always ensure that children are treated with integrity and respect, and the self esteem of young people is enhanced.

Fair Play – All Children's sport should be conducted in an atmosphere of fair play. The principles of fair play should always be emphasised, and organisers should give clear guidelines regarding acceptable standards of behaviour.

Quality atmosphere and ethos -Children's sport should be conducted in a safe, positive and encouraging atmosphere.

Competition – Competition is an essential element of tennis and should be encouraged in an age and level appropriate manner. A child centred ethos will help ensure that competition and specialisation are kept in their appropriate place.

Equality – All children should be valued and treated in an equitable and fair manner regardless of ability, age, gender, religion, social and ethnic background or political persuasion.

Gorey Tennis Club has undertaken a Risk Assessment document in areas of potential risk of harm and the likelihood of risk occurring. (Available on request)

This Child Safeguarding Statement has been developed in line with requirements under the Children First Act 2015. In addition to our Risk Assessment document, there are further procedures that support our intention to safeguard children while availing of our activities.

Gorey Tennis Club has the following procedures in place as part of our Safeguarding Policies:

- Procedures for the management of allegations of abuse, misconduct by coaches or volunteers or fellow members against a child availing of our activities
- Procedures for the safe recruitment of volunteers to work with children in our activities
- Procedures for the training of child safeguarding including the identification of harm
- Procedures for reporting of child protection or welfare concerns to Statutory Authorities.

Please note that all procedures listed are available on request.

The relevant person for Gorey Tennis Club is the **Club Designated Liaison Person – Brid Cleary**

Gorey Tennis Club recognises that implementation is an ongoing process. Our Club is 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 activities.

- Club Coach has been provided with a copy of this Statement
- This statement is available to parents/guardians, the Agency and members of the public on request.
- This statement is on display on our Notice Display in Kitchen of Gorey Tennis Club
- This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed at AGM 2022

Signed: _____

C Roice/Chairperson 29th April 2022

Gorey Tennis Club's Children's Officers are: Brid Cleary – 087 9458180 & Tom Breslin 053 9421336