

## Child Safeguarding Statement for Bluefin SC (ROI Club)

Our Club provides *swimming / water polo / diving* opportunities for young people through involvement in our teaching and coaching sessions. Our Club is committed to safeguarding children and operates under the guidance of the Swim Ireland Safeguarding Policy 2019. All staff, both volunteers and employed who work with our young people, seek to create a safe environment for young people to participate in their sport.

A risk assessment of harm has been completed containing the following areas of potential risk of harm to young people in our Club:

| <b>Risk of harm identified in each section of the Risk Assessment</b>  | <b>Procedure in place to mitigate risk of harm</b>   |
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| Club and Coaching Practices – including risk of behaviour, unauthorised activities, travelling, lack of adherence to Safeguarding Policies | Safeguarding Roles including their responsibilities<br>Safeguarding Training<br>Poor practice and Whistleblowing<br>Filming & Photography Policy<br>Travelling and Away Trips Policies |
| Recruitment – including risk of unqualified persons or lack of clarity of role of those working with young people                          | Vetting Policy<br>Recruitment Policy<br>Safeguarding Training  |
| Complaints & Discipline including lack of awareness of procedures and how to raise issues  | Complaints & Disciplinary procedures<br>Communications Policy<br>Poor practice and Whistleblowing  |
| Use of Facilities – including the risk of harm whilst accessing facilities   | Person on Duty and Supervision Policies<br>Poor practice and Whistleblowing Policy   |
| Communications – including risk of harm whilst communicating with young people   | Communications Policy<br>Code of Conduct   |
| General Risk of Harm – including risk of harm due to bullying, poor practice   | Code of Conduct<br>Anti-bullying Promise and Policy<br>Poor practice and Whistleblowing Policy   |
| Reporting Procedures – including risk of harm through not knowing or understanding reporting procedures                                    | Poor practice and Whistleblowing Policy<br>Recognising and Reporting Child Abuse Policy  |

The Club Risk Assessment of Harm was undertaken by the Club committee on 7/12/21 (date)

This Club's Child Safeguarding Statement has been developed in line with requirements under the Children First Act 2015, (the Children First: National Guidance, and Tusla's Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice). Our Club also operates in line with the Swim Ireland Safeguarding Policy. There are, in addition to our Risk Assessment of Harm procedures detailed above, further policy documents in the Swim Ireland Safeguarding Policy listed below that support our intention to safeguard children while they are involved with our activities:

- Section 1 Compliancy including Audit Policy; Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment of Harm (understanding this document); Membership Risk Assessment Policy
- Section 2 Working with young people including Inclusion Policy; Well-being and Mental Health Policy
- Section 3 Policies including Age and Gender; Anti-doping and Substance Misuse; Monitoring Movements; Physical Contact; Social Media Policy; Spectator Behaviour Policy

The Swim Ireland appointed Mandated Person is Kate Hills, contact phone: 0868560672; contact mail: [katehills@swimireland.ie](mailto:katehills@swimireland.ie)

Our Club is committed to the implementation of the procedures detailed in this Child Safeguarding Statement and the Swim Ireland Safeguarding Policy 2019, and this is an ongoing process. Our intention is to keep children safe from harm while availing of our activities.

The review period for this Child Safeguarding Statement is 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021.

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For queries on this Child Safeguarding Statement, please contact the Club Children's Officer (Relevant Person))