

Child Safeguarding Training Policy for Athletics Ireland (04/17)

This policy is part of the Safeguarding Statement for Athletics Ireland under the Children First Act 2015 Section 11(3). This policy sets out the accepted Safeguarding Workshops for Athletics Ireland together with any specific requirements for attendance and renewal of certification. A list of typical roles required by Athletics Ireland to attend training appropriate to their role is included at the end of this policy. Any individual whose role will have regular contact with children or vulnerable persons in the provision of relevant services **must** complete safeguarding training.

1. If you do not hold a valid safeguarding training certificate, you cannot continue in your role until you refresh your safeguarding training.
2. You must also have successfully completed the vetting process with Athletics Ireland before you can work with children and vulnerable persons. Vetting must be refreshed **every four years**.

Sport Ireland Safeguarding Workshops

Sport Ireland Safeguarding workshops are outlined as follows; these courses are delivered through your Local Sports Partnership and by Athletics Ireland on request.

1) All Sports Leaders and Coaches safeguarding training requirements.

1. Safeguarding 1 - Basic Awareness in Child Protection (face to face workshop)

Validation period: 4 years

Expected attendees: any person working with or has interaction with or who is involved in the planning/administration of our activities or events with our young members

Renewal: Safeguarding 1 certificate may be renewed by completing;

Safeguarding 1 (face to face workshop)

Or

Safeguarding 1 Refresher (e-learning module – see below)

2. Safeguarding 1 Refresher - Basic Awareness in Child Protection - online E-learning module

Prerequisite: Valid Safeguarding 1 certificate

Validation period: 4 years

Expected attendees: any person having completed Safeguarding 1 (face to face workshop) within the last 4 years

Renewal: Safeguarding 1 Refresher certificate **may only** be renewed by attendance at Safeguarding 1 (face to face workshop)

Web link for Sport Ireland Safeguarding 1 E-Learning Refresher course:

Click here to access: <https://able.inege.com/apps/sportireland/coaches/>

2) Club Children’s Officer training requirements.

1. Club Children’s Officer Workshop - Safeguarding 2

Prerequisite: Valid Safeguarding 1 certificate

Validation period: 4 years recommended

Expected attendees: any person taking on the role of Club Children’s Officer (but others can attend)

Renewal: Safeguarding 2 certificate may only be renewed by attendance at Safeguarding 2 (CCO face to face workshop)

3) Designated Liaison Person training requirements.

1. Designated Liaison Person Workshop - Safeguarding 3

Prerequisite: Valid Safeguarding 1 or Safeguarding 2 certificate

Validation period: 4 years

Expected attendees: any person taking on the role of Designated Liaison Person (but others can attend)

Renewal: Safeguarding 3 may only be renewed by attendance at Safeguarding 3 (face to face workshop)

Renewing Safeguarding certificates

Safeguarding training requires renewal every 4 years. Renewal may be achieved by attending any of the above Safeguarding workshops where the prerequisites required are met.

- Roles requiring Safeguarding 2 must be renewed by attending a Safeguarding 2 face to face workshop.
- Roles requiring Safeguarding 3 must be renewed by attending a Safeguarding 3 face to face workshop.

Roles requiring safeguarding training

Safeguarding 1	Safeguarding 2	Safeguarding 3
Sports Leader/Coach		
Committee Member		
Supervisor		
Staff		
Team Manager		
Chaperone		
Mandated Person		
Designated Liaison Person		Designated Liaison Person
Club Children’s Officer	Club Children’s Officer	
Tutor/Mentor		
Parent/Helper		

Footnote

- Validation period commences from the date of workshop completion/date of certificate
- Athletics Ireland will allow a grace period after the expiry date of 4 months in which the individual must complete the required workshop.