

# National Children's Officer Annual Report 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023

## Code of Conduct & Good Practice for Children in Orienteering:

The *Code of Conduct and Good Practice for Sport for Young People in Irish Orienteering Association* has been fully updated and the name changed to the *Code of Conduct & Good Practice for Children in Orienteering*. It must be updated every three years and include any updates from Sport Ireland.

## Child Safeguarding Statement:

Orienteering Ireland's Child Safeguarding Statement was updated in September 2023 and put in a new format to make it more compact and easier to read. A QR code was included to link it to Child Protection on the Orienteering website.

## Risk Assessment:

We have also updated the Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment and also put it in a more compact easier to read format.

## Safeguarding Incident Report Form:

A new Incident Report Form is now available to download.

*All above are available at [orienteering.ie/helpful/info/safeguarding](http://orienteering.ie/helpful/info/safeguarding) in Orienteering Ireland*

## Recruitment Policy (Vetting and Safeguarding):

In September 2023 a policy (Vetting and Safeguarding) was submitted to the Governance Sub Group to guide how OI recruit people who will be in contact with children.

## Core Grant Application:

Our funding from Sport Ireland is dependent on OI having all of its Safeguarding Policies up to date. This includes Safeguarding training. All Club Children's Officers and Club Designated Liaison Officers must have the appropriate Safeguarding (1, 2 or/and 3) up to date.

## Designated safeguarding officer (National Children's Officer) meetings.

There are regular NCO meetings that I attend. They are run by the NSPCC – CPSU (Child Protection in Sport Unit) and Sport Ireland Ethics. I also do regular courses that Sport Ireland / NSPCC organise.

Finally, a special thank you to Eric O'Brien who did a huge amount of work on all above policies and to Déirdre Ní Chellanáin for all the safeguarding work that she does.

A special thank you to Barbara Foley-Fisher who for many years has had two roles, Liaison Person (Garda vetting) and Designated Liaison Person (Safeguarding role).

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