

## Safeguarding Children

Irish Squash is wholeheartedly committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of its members. Every individual within the organisation should always demonstrate respect and understanding for the rights, safety, and welfare of all members, and conduct themselves in a manner that aligns with the organisation's principles.

For safeguarding concerns, you can reach out to:

- **Ann Sheppard**, National Children's Officer: [childprotection@irishsquash.com](mailto:childprotection@irishsquash.com)
- **Rosie Barry**, Designated Liaison Person (DLP): [president@irishsquash.com](mailto:president@irishsquash.com)
- **Paul Nugent**, Mandated Person (MP): [coo@irishsquash.com](mailto:coo@irishsquash.com)

### Key Documents and Policies

- **Irish Squash Child Safeguarding Statement:** Click here - <https://www.squashireland.ie/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/Child-Safeguarding-Statement-Jan-2024-1-1.pdf>
- **Irish Squash Risk Assessment:** Click here - <https://www.squashireland.ie/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/Irish-Squash-Risk-Assessment-2024-1-1.pdf>
- **Safeguarding Policy for Children & Young People in Sport:** Click here - <https://www.squashireland.ie/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/Safeguarding-policy-Jan-2023.pdf>

### Appendices to the Safeguarding Policy

- Safe Recruitment Procedures
- Roles & Responsibilities
- Reporting & Protecting
- Complaints Report Form
- Safeguarding Guidance
- Anti-Bullying Policy
- Children's Code of Conduct
- Disciplinary Procedure

For a complete list of Code of Ethics documents, please visit the Sport Ireland Link - <https://www.sportireland.ie/ethics>

### Safeguarding Training

Under the Children First Act 2015 (ROI) and the Children (NI) Order and Cooperating to Safeguard Children and Young People 2017, all coaches are required to complete safeguarding training. In the Republic of Ireland, coaches must attend a Safeguarding 1 Basic Awareness workshop, available through your Local Sports Partnership - <https://www.sportireland.ie/participation/lsp-contact-finder>

In Northern Ireland, Sport NI provides the necessary training, which can be accessed through your local council's sports development officer.

- **Search for Safeguarding 1 Courses:** Click here - <https://www.eventbrite.ie/d/online/safeguarding-1/>
- Note: Children First certificates from Tusla and Ireland Active Foundation Level Children's First Safeguarding course are not recognized as valid safeguarding training for sports.

Safeguarding certification must be renewed every three years. Renewal can be achieved by attending a Safeguarding 1 face-to-face workshop or completing the Safeguarding 1 Refresher e-learning module. See here for renewal options - <https://www.sportireland.ie/ethics/safeguarding-1-online-refresher>

### **Garda Vetting Procedure**

For information on Garda Vetting, refer to the Garda Vetting Procedure.

### **Sport Ireland Safe Sport App**

The Sport Ireland Safe Sport app, based on the Code of Ethics & Good Practice for Children's Sport, serves as an information and guidance tool for all involved in children's sports. It aims to raise awareness and understanding of safeguarding and best practice principles.

The app covers four key areas:

- **Leader/Coach**
- **Parent/Guardian**
- **Club/Organisation**
- **Child/Young Person**

Each section provides information and guidance on topics such as fair play, good practice, a child-centered approach, and appropriate behaviors. The app also explains how to report child welfare and protection concerns or suspected child abuse to TULSA Child and Family Agency, and how to address poor practice through the Club Children's Officer or National Children's Officer.

For further details, see the Sport Ireland Safe Sport app - <https://www.sportireland.ie/ethics/safesport-app#:~:text=SafeSport%20App.practice%20principles%20in%20children's%20sport>.