

Snooker & Billiards Ireland

NATIONAL GOVERNING BODY FOR SNOOKER AND BILLIARDS IN IRELAND

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SBI CHILD SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

PRINCIPLES TO SAFEGUARD CHILDREN FROM HARM

This statement recognises that in accordance with legislation and with the requirements of our Codes and Rules that the welfare and interests of children are paramount in all circumstances. It aims to ensure that all children and young people have a positive, developmental and enjoyable experience of Snooker & Billiards when participating in a safe and controlled environment.

The basic aims of Snooker & Billiards Ireland include fostering and developing our sports among young people and children. This includes organising a safe environment for them to play Snooker & Billiards. Our Child Safeguarding Statement is promoted by dedicated volunteers at both Club and National level.

MANDATED PERSON

The Mandated Person, who has a legal obligation to report harm of children as per legislation and who has been employed for the purpose of performing the child welfare and protection functions within our Association is:

Jim Leacy Email: president@sbireland.ie – Mobile : 086 2587546

IMPLEMENTATION AND REVIEW

Snooker & Billiards Ireland recognise that implementation is an ongoing process. SBI are committed to the implementation of this Child Safeguarding Statement and the accompanying child safeguarding policies and procedures that support our intention to keep children and young people safe from harm while availing of our service.

This Statement adopted and endorsed by the SBI Executive Committee will be reviewed by May 2027 or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers.

Jim Leacy

Jim Leacy: President

31st May 2026

John Tobin

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RISK ASSESSMENT

In preparing this statement we have completed a risk assessment of the potential for harm to children when they are participating in our sports and attending our activities under the following headings:

Coaching Practices;
Complaints & Disciplinary Procedures ; Reporting; Use of Facilities; Recruitment; Communications;
General Risk of Harm.
Risks identified and the list of procedures and policies are detailed to the right.

RISK IDENTIFIED

Risk of harm including assault, ill treatment or neglect of a child in a manner that seriously affects or is likely to seriously affect the child's health, development or welfare or sexual abuse of a child.

Risk of harm or abuse when hosting an activity and/or an away trip.

Risk of harm from online abuse through any form of Social media.

Bullying of a child.

PROCEDURE/POLICIES IN PLACE

Code of Behaviour (Underage), Recruitment Policy, Vetting Policy, SBI Child Safeguarding Training Policy, Guidance for Dealing & Reporting Allegations or Concerns of Abuse.

Our Child Safeguarding Statement has been prepared in accordance with the legislative requirements contained in the Children First Act 2015. Children's First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children (2017). Tusla's Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice as required by SBI rules.

Procedure in respect to the management of allegations of abuse against any member, non-member, staff or volunteer of a child availing of our services.

Procedure for the safe recruitment and selection of workers and volunteers to work with children and young people

Procedure for provision of and access to SBI child safeguarding training and information, including the identification of the occurrence of harm.

Procedure for the reporting of child protection or welfare concerns to the Association and/or Tusla as applicable.

Procedure for appointing a relevant person i.e. the National Children's Officer, who is the relevant person for the purpose of this statement (see name on this document)

The following procedures contained in our risk assessment support our intention to safeguard children while they are availing of our services.

Code of Behaviour to cover (underage) Away Trips & Transport
Code of Behaviour to cover (Underage) SBI Social Media Policy
Anti-Bullying Statement, Guidelines & Training

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