MULLINGAR EQUESTRIAN

Mullingar Equestrian Child Safeguarding Statement

Name: Mullingar Equestrian Centre. **Sport**: Equestrian Sport. **Activities**: Show Jumping /Horse Riding activities

Mullingar Equestrian Centre (MEC) is committed to safeguarding children. Working under the guidance of Children First Act 2015, & our Safeguarding policies, MEC (organisation, staff, officials, volunteers) seeks to create a safe environment for young people to grow & develop within our sport. (showjumping/equestrian activities)

General Principles

MEC recognises that in accordance with legislation & our codes & rules, that the welfare & interests of children are paramount in all circumstances. This statement aims to ensure that all children have a positive, developmental & enjoyable experience, as far as is practicable, in a safe and enjoyable environment.

Importance of childhood

The importance of childhood should be understood and valued by everyone involved in sport

Needs of a child

All children's sport experiences should be guided by what is best for children. This means that adults should have a basic understanding of the emotional, physical and personal needs of young people

Fair Play

All children's sport should be conducted in an atmosphere of fair play. The principles of fair play should always be emphasised, and organisers should give clear guidelines regarding acceptable standards of behaviour.

Integrity in relationships

Adults interacting with children in sport are in position of trust and influence. They should always ensure that children are treaded with integrity and respect. And the self -esteem of young people is enhanced. Children /Young Persons are entitles to be listened to by adults interacting with them and feel safe.

Quality atmosphere & ethos

Children's sport should be conducted in a safe, positive and encouraging atmosphere.

Equality

All children should be valued and treated in an equitable and fair manner regardless of ability, age, gender, religion, social & ethnic background or political persuasion

Competition

Competition is an essential element of sport and should be encouraged in an age- appropriate manner. A child centred ethos will help to ensure that competition and specialisation are kept in their appropriate place.

Mullingar Equestrian Director*: Robert Fagan*
Children Officer: *Fiona Brady*
DLP : D O Keeffe

Nov 10 2026

Children First

SPORT IRELAND ETHICS

HORSE SPORT IRELAND