Risk Assessment

Mullingar Equestrian

In preparing this Statement **MEC** has completed a Risk Assessment of the potential risk of harm to children/Young persons when they are participating in our Events or attending our activities under the following headings,

- General Risk of Harm
- Recruitment
- Coaching Practices
- Communications
- Bullying
- Reporting Procedures
- Use of Facilities
- Online Safety
- Complaints & Discipline

General Risk of Harm Identified
• Harm not being recognised
• Harm caused by
  • *Child to Child*
  • *Official to child*
  • *Coach to Child*
  • *Volunteer to child*
  • *Member to child*
  • *Visitor to child*
• General Behavioural issues
• Missing or found child on site
	Procedures/Policies in place
	
	• **Safeguarding Training Policy**
	• ***Codes of Conduct***
	
	• ***Missing or found child policy***

Recruitment/Appointment/Officials • Recruitment of inappropriate people • Lack of Clarity on roles • Unqualified or untrained people in role • Vetting of staff/volunteers	**Procedures/Policies in place** • **Recruitment Policy** • **Safeguarding Training Policies**
Complaints & Discipline • Complaints not being dealt with seriously • Difficulty in raising an issue by child or parent • Lack of awareness of Complaints & Disciplinary policy	**Procedure/Policy in place** • **Complaints & Disciplinary procedure** • **Safeguarding Training Policies** • **Communications procedure**
Reporting Procedures • No DLP Appointed • Not clear who Y/P should talk to or report to • Concerns of abuse or harm not reported • Lack of knowledge or organisational & statutory reporting procedures	**Procedure/Policy in place** • **Appointment & training organised** • **Post names of CCO; DLP & Mandated Person** • **Reporting Procedures** • **Safeguarding Training Policies** • **Coach Education Policy** • **Codes of Conduct**
Use of Facilities • Unauthorised access to designated children's playing areas, practice arenas & to changing rooms, showers, toilets etc. • Unauthorised exit from children's areas	**Procedure/Policy in place** • **Supervision Policy** • **Coach Education Policy** • **Safeguarding Policy** • **Recruitment Policy**

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Bullying of a child • Child to child • Adult to child	**Procedure/Policy in place** • **Anti-Bullying Statement** • **Anti-bullying Guideline**
Coaching Practices • Lack of coaching qualification • Supervision issues • Unauthorised photography & recording • Behavioural Issues	**Procedures/Policies in place** • **Coach education guidelines/ recruitment policy** • **Safeguarding Training / Supervision Policies** • **Photography & Use of Images guidelines** • ***Codes of Conduct/Complaints & Disciplinary***
Communications & On-line • Lack of awareness of "Risk of Harm" with Members & Visitors • No communication of Child Safeguarding Statement or Code of Behaviour to Members or Visitors • Unauthorised photography & recording of activities • Photography/filming/recording in prohibited areas • Inappropriate use of social media & Communications by under 18's • Inappropriate use of social media & Communications with under 18's • Issues of Online Safety	**Procedures/Policies in place** • **Child Safeguarding Statement – (to be displayed & on web)** • **Child safeguarding Training Policy** • **Codes of Behaviour (to be distributed & displayed)** • **Photography & Use of Images Policy** • **Communications Policy** • **Codes of Conduct** • **Social Media / Online Safety Policy**

Procedures

Our Child Safeguarding Statement has been developed in line with requirements under the Children First Act 2015, (the Children First: National Guidance,/Tusla's Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure & Practice and the Children (NI) Order 1995). In addition to our Risk Assessment document described above, there are further procedures that support our intention to safeguard children while they are availing of our activities.

MEC has the following procedures in place as part of our Safeguarding Policies:

- Procedures for the management of allegations of abuse or misconduct by staff or volunteers against a child availing of our activities
- Procedures for the safe recruitment of staff and volunteers to work with children in our activities.
- Procedures for access to child safeguarding training and information, including the identification of the occurrence of harm

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Relevant Persons:

Mullingar Equestrian has appointed the following People:

Child Protection Officers:CPO	Fiona Brady email: fiona@mullingarequestrian.com
Designated Liaison Person:DLP	Dorothy O'Keeffe email:dorothy@mullingarequestrian.com

This Child Safeguarding Statement & Risk Assessment will be reviewed on 11th November 2027

Signed: *D O Keeffe* Date: 11/11/26 (On behalf

of **Mullingar Equestrian**)

For queries on this Child Safeguarding Statement, please contact MEC

This Risk Assessment was undertaken on 11th November 2026