

Child Safeguarding Safety Statement - TRVC

Section 1 – Club Information

Tallaght Rockets Volleyball Club (TRVC) provides various sporting activities and certain opportunities for young people to participate in the Volleyball Ireland National League.

Name: *Tallaght Rockets Volleyball Club*

Sport: *Volleyball*

Location: *Firhouse Community College*

Size: *55*

Activities: *Adult Volleyball including minors physically and emotionally able to play and compete in an adult volleyball team.*

Section 2 – Principles to Safeguard Children from Harm

TRVC is committed to safeguarding children and by working under the guidance of our TRVC Safeguarding Policies our staff, both volunteers and employed, working with our young people, throughout the organisation, seek to create a safe environment for young people to grow and develop within the sport. The following set of principles should be adhered to:

Importance of childhood – The importance of childhood should be understood and valued by everyone involved in the sport.

Needs of the 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.

Integrity in relationships – Adults interacting with children in sport are in a position of trust and influence. They should always ensure that children are treated with integrity and respect, and self-esteem of young people is enhanced.

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.

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

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.

Equality – All children should be valued and treated in an equitable and fair manner regardless of ability, age, gender, social and ethnic background or political situation.

Section 3 – Risk Assessment

TRVC written Risk Assessment document indicates the areas of potential risk of harm, the likelihood of the risk occurring, and gives the required policy, guidance or process documents require to alleviate these risks. The list of risks identified are contained in the following categories:

Risk Identified	Procedure in Place to Manage Risk Identified
Club and Coaching Practices <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lack of coaching qualification 2. Supervision issues. 3. Unauthorised photography & recording activities. 4. Behavioural issues. 5. Lack of gender balance amongst coaches 6. No guidance for travelling & away trips 7. Lack of adherence with misc. procedures in Safeguarding policy. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Coach education/recruitment policy 2. Supervision policy/Coach education policy 3. Photography & Use of images policy 4. Code of Conduct/Safeguarding 1/Complaints & Disciplinary Policy 5. Coach education policy/Supervision Policy 6. Travel & Overnight Trip Policy/Child Safeguarding Training. 7. Safeguarding policy/Complaints & Disciplinary Policy.
Complaints & Discipline <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lack of awareness of a Complaint & Disciplinary policy 2. Difficulty in raising an issue by child and/or parent. 3. Complaints not being dealt with seriously. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Information available on TRVC website (https://www.tallaghtrocketsvc.com) 2. Presence of CCO and DLP in trainings 3. Appropriate training of CCO and DLP
Reporting Procedures <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lack of knowledge of organisational & statutory reporting procedures. 2. No DLP appointed. 3. Concerns of abuse or harm not reported. 4. Not clear who YP should talk to or report to. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Close Contact to National CCO and mandated person (Norma McIntyre) 2. Chosen every Year by the Chairman 3. Appropriate training for CCO and DLP 4. Information available on website (https://www.tallaghtrocketsvc.com)
Use of Facilities <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Unauthorised access to designated children's play & practice areas & changing rooms, showers, toilets etc... 2. Unauthorised exit from children's areas. 3. Photography, filming or recording in prohibited areas. 4. Missing or found child on site. 5. Children sharing facilities with adults e.g. dressing rooms, showers etc... 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Changing Facility will not be shared with adults 2. No designated children's area 3. Signed agreement with parents and club photographer on taking pictures and place of publication 4. N.a. 5. Children will use facilities before adults
Recruitment <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recruitment of inappropriate people. 2. Lack of clarity on roles. 3. Unqualified or untrained people. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Garda Vetting of Coaches and appropriate training of Committee 2. Specified on Website (https://www.tallaghtrocketsvc.com) 3. Appropriate training is given to the CCO and DLP and all the TRVC Coaches
Communications <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lack of awareness of 'risk of harm' with members and visitors. 2. No communication of Child Safeguarding Statement of Code of Behaviour to members and visitors 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Code of Conduct signed by all club members 2. Information available on public Website (https://www.tallaghtrocketsvc.com)

3. Unauthorised photography & recording of activities. 4. Inappropriate use of social media & communications <i>with</i> under 18's. 5. Inappropriate use of social media & communications <i>by</i> under 18's	3. Signed agreement with parents and club photographer 4. Contact only through Parents 5. Contact only through Parents
General Risk of Harm 1. Harm not being recognised. 2. Harm cause by: - Child to Child - Coach to Child - Volunteer to Child - Member to Child - Visitor to Child 3. General behavioural issues. 4. Issues of Bullying 5. Vetting of staff/volunteers. 6. Issues of Online Safety	1. Appropriate training of CCO, DLP and TRVC Coaches 2. Code of Conduct signed by all members 3. Disciplinary procedures in place 4. Disciplinary procedures in place, appropriate training of all TRVC Coaches 5. All TRVC employees (coaches) are garda vetted 6. Signed agreement with parents on social media communication and publication of photo and video materials

The risk assessment was undertaken on the 05th of September 2019.

Section 4 – Procedures

Our Child Safeguarding Statement has been developed in line with requirements under the Children First Act 2015, (the Children First: National Guidance, and Tusla's Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice). 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.

TRVC 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
- Procedure for reporting of child protection or welfare concerns to Statutory Authorities
- Procedure for maintaining a list of the persons (if any) in the relevant service who are mandated persons.
- Procedure for appointing a relevant person.

Please note that all procedure listed are available on request.

The Mandated/Relevant Person for Volleyball Ireland is Norma McIntyre.

Section 5 – Implementation

We recognise that implementation is an ongoing process. TRVC is committed to the implementation of this Child Safeguarding Statement and the procedures that support our intention to keep children safe from harm while availing of our activities.

Please note the following:

- That all staff both volunteers and employed, have been furnished with a copy of this statement.
- The statement is available, to parents/guardians, the agency and members of the public on request.
- The statement will be accessible for all club members on the TRVC website (<https://www.tallaghtrocketsvc.com>)

This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed on 05th of September 2021.

Signed: *Paul Garcia*

Name: Paul Garcia

Role: Chairman

Date: 05.09.2019

Signed: *Daniela Bossard*

Name: Daniela Bossard

Role: Club Children's Officer

Date: 05.09.2019

For queries on this Child Safeguarding Statement, please contact the designated Children's Officer of TRVC, Daniela Bossard.