

# INTERNATIONAL CHILD SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT



Brussels Craobh Rua GAA, LGFA, Camogie

Brussels Craobh Rua Club (incorporating GAA, LGFA, Camogie) in accordance with our International Child Safeguarding Policy, has agreed this International Child Safeguarding Statement, which is binding on our members.

The basic aims of the Gaelic Athletic Associations include fostering and developing our Gaelic Games and Irish cultural activities among young people and children. These games and related activities are organised and promoted by dedicated volunteers at Club and or County or National levels with the cooperation and support of an equally dedicated cohort of staff all of whom are committed to the safeguarding of children and young people in our Association as we seek to create a safe environment for young people to grow and develop.

This International Child Safeguarding Statement was agreed by the Brussels Craobh Rua GAA, LGFA, Camogie Club Executive Committee on February 6, 2026



## PRINCIPLES TO SAFEGUARD CHILDREN FROM HARM

This statement recognises our commitments in our Gaelic Games International Child Safeguarding Policy, (see QR Code 1), to safeguard all children regardless of race, ability, ethnicity or sexual orientation from harm, that the welfare and interests of children are paramount in all circumstances. The International Child Safeguarding Policy aims to ensure that children and young people have a positive, developmental and enjoyable experience of Gaelic Games and other activities and that they do so, as far as is practicable, in a safe and enjoyable environment.

## PROCEDURES

Our International Child Safeguarding Statement has been prepared in accordance with our Association rules and International Child Safeguarding Policy.

## PROCEDURES IDENTIFIED

The following procedures, addressed in our International Child Safeguarding Policy (QR Code 1), support our intention to safeguard children while they are availing of our services and activities.

- > Procedure in respect of the management of allegations against any member, non-member or staff/volunteer availing of our services (QR Code 1)
- > Procedure for the safe recruitment and vetting/police check/self declaration of volunteers & staff to work with children and young people (QR Code 1)
- > Procedure for provision of and access to Gaelic Games Child Safeguarding Training and information including the identification of the occurrence of harm (QR Code 1)
- > Procedure for the reporting allegations of abuse, protection or welfare concerns of a child to the Association
- > Procedure for appointing a relevant person i.e. the Club Children's Officer who is the relevant person appointed for the purpose of this statement (QR Code 1)

## RISK ASSESSMENT

In preparing this statement we have completed a risk assessment under the following headings, and identified the list of procedures and policies for managing these risks which addresses the potential for harm\* to children when they are participating in our games and attending our activities.

Our Club Risk Assessment was undertaken on February 6, 2026.

- > Club/County and Coaching Practices
- > Communications and General Risk of Harm

- > Complaints & Discipline
- > Reporting Procedures
- > Club Facilities
- > Recruitment

\* Harm means in relation to a child - 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 IDENTIFIED	PROCEDURES IN PLACE TO MANAGE RISK IDENTIFIED	QR CODE
Risk of harm to a child by an adult or a visitor or another child including definitions of abuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Child Safeguarding Policy</li> <li>Guidance for Dealing with &amp; Reporting Concerns of Abuse</li> <li>Safeguarding Training</li> </ul>	
Risk of harm to a child when hosting an activity or away trip	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Child Safeguarding Policy</li> <li>International Child Safeguarding Policy Directives on;</li> <li>Recruitment, Vetting/Police Check/Self Declaration and Safeguarding Training;</li> <li>Guidance for Coaches, Parents &amp; Supporters on Maintaining Good Practice &amp; Behaviour; Hosting events, Away Trips &amp; Transport; Social Media Guidance; Photography, Recording &amp; Streaming</li> <li>Guidance for Dealing with &amp; Reporting Concerns of Abuse</li> </ul>	
Risk of harm to a child through lack of supervision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Child Safeguarding Policy Directives on;</li> <li>Recruitment, Vetting/Police Check/Self Declaration and Safeguarding Training;</li> <li>Supervision Ratios Policy</li> </ul>	
Risk of harm to a child by bullying	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Child Safeguarding Policy Directives on;</li> <li>Anti Bullying Policy &amp; Anti Bullying Statement</li> </ul>	
Risk of harm to a child of online abuse and social media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Child Safeguarding Policy</li> <li>Social Media Guidance</li> </ul>	
Risk of harm to a child through inappropriate use of photography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Child Safeguarding Policy</li> <li>Photography, Recording &amp; Streaming Policy</li> </ul>	

## SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS

<b>Brussels Craobh Rua Children's Officer</b>	Conchúr Caomhánach	
<b>Brussels Craobh Rua Designated Liaison Person</b>	Cliona McDonnell	(Cathaoirleach)
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## IMPLEMENTATION AND REVIEW

The Gaelic Athletic Associations and Brussels Craobh Rua GAA, LGFA, Camogie are committed to the implementation of this International 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 Brussels Craobh Rua GAA, LGFA, Camogie Club Executive Committee, shall be reviewed by February 6, 2027 or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers.

All policies and procedures listed above are available at [www.gaa.ie/the-gaa/child-safeguarding-and-protection](http://www.gaa.ie/the-gaa/child-safeguarding-and-protection)

The Gaelic Games Associations International Child Safeguarding Policy and Child Safeguarding Statement provides detailed guidance to our Clubs and other units on the minimum standards of good practice and behaviour that we seek from everybody, who on our behalf, work with children. The International Child Safeguarding Policy seeks to safeguard children and young people who participate in our games and attend our activities.

