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- [Who is the Child Protection Policy relevant to?](#)

All clubs and service providers/groups who are working with children and vulnerable adults on behalf of IUC need to follow the IUC Child Protection policy.

- [What are the annual requirements of the Child Protection Policy?](#)

Clubs, service providers and groups should inform IUC of committee members including Children Officer, Designated Officer if appropriate in March.

Clubs, service providers and groups/individuals working for IUC with children, send copies of Risk Assessment and Safety Statement to IUC (bi-annually) or prior to registering member who may be under 18 or vulnerable adults.

Clubs, service providers and groups/individuals working for IUC with children, send a copy of club child protection policy to IUC and inform of updates in the future.



Clubs will register children and vulnerable adults when they have the following in place:

- 1) Children's Officer,
- 2) Child Protection policy,
- 3) Vetted Personnel,
- 4) Risk Assessment,
- 5) Safety Statement.

Club personnel in a club with access to GO Membership will confirm this with IUC head office when finalising approval of membership for the club member. Clubs, service providers and IUC should have a policy of safe recruitment for the volunteers working with children and vulnerable adults. They need to ensure these volunteers fill in the annual code of conduct and present a copy of their vetting certificate from the IUC to the committee.

- [Who signs an annual declaration/code of conduct?](#)

All members of IUC or adults on behalf of IUC, working with children and vulnerable adults must sign an annual declaration/code of conduct.

Children and vulnerable adult members and their parents/guardians must also sign the annual declaration/code of conduct.

The annual declaration/code of conduct is available in the Child Protection Policy.

Clubs, service providers and IUC should retain copies of annual signed declaration/code of conduct safely.

- [What are the duties of the Club Children's Officer and the Club Designated Liaison Person \(CDLP\)?](#)

The Club Children's Officer ensures the club operates within all Irish Underwater Council safeguarding policies and procedures. He/she ensures children the activities are conducted in a safe manner.



The Club Designated Liaison Person (CDLP) is responsible for ensuring that reporting procedures within the Club are followed. They will liaise with the Irish Underwater Council's Mandated Person as required. The CDLP should record all concerns brought to their attention and the actions taken. The Club Chairperson automatically assumes the role of CDLP unless another person is chosen and ratified to undertake the role.

- [Who needs to be Vetted and receive training?](#)

Anyone working with members under 18 and vulnerable adults either in clubs or on behalf of IUC, need to be vetted through IUC before taking up the work. If a person, who has not been vetted, continues to act in any of the above roles they will be breaking the law as may their Club, for offering or facilitating such a role.

All club members do not need to be vetted.

Working with children in the Republic of Ireland, you need to be vetted by the Garda Vetting Bureau. Working with children in Northern Ireland, you need to be vetted by AccessNI.

Individuals will undergo re-vetting after five years or as determined by IUC as being required by future circumstances.

- [Who needs to receive training?](#)

Those working with children and vulnerable adults should receive Safeguarding training. Club Children officers and Designated Officers should also receive training.



Sport Ireland workshops are available locally through the Local Sports Partnership network and Sport NI training is available through approved trainers.

#### All adults working with children

Children in Sport Awareness Workshop (Safeguarding 1) – Sports Ireland  
Safeguarding Children and Young People in Sport – Sport NI

#### Children's Officer and Designated Liaison Officer

Club Children's Officer Workshop (Safeguarding 2) – Sports Ireland  
Designated Liaison Person Workshop (Safeguarding 3) – Sports Ireland  
Designated Safeguarding Children Officer course – Sport NI

- Is E-training and/or child protection training received at work other volunteer body sufficient for IUC clubs and agencies?

Adults who work with under age and vulnerable adults on behalf of IUC must take part in Sport Ireland/Sport NI Safeguarding training.

- If a club is working with vulnerable adults only does the policy apply to them and can names of the policy and officers be adapted?

If a club only has vulnerable adults as members, the child protection policy applies and may be called the Safeguarding or Welfare Policy and the Children Officer may be called the Safeguarding or Welfare Officer.