

3D Triathlon Child Protection

1- 3D Triathlon Club will liaise with and work closely with Triathlon Ireland in developing best practices in promoting children's sport and protecting children.

2- 3D Triathlon Club will adhere to the guidelines laid down by Triathlon Ireland on ;
'Safeguarding Code for Young People'

All coaches, officers and parents will need to familiarise themselves with this document which is available on Triathlon Ireland's website.

3- A Children's Officer will be elected annually at the club AGM.

4- A Designated Liaison Person (DLP) will be appointed by the club to liaise with the relevant authorities in the event of reporting of suspected allegations or suspicions of child abuse. Procedures outlined in Triathlon Ireland's 'Safeguarding Code for Young People' will be adhered to. The 3D Triathlon Club's Designated Liaison Person is Seán Ó Donaile.

5- 3D Triathlon Club will endeavour to develop A Junior/Youth Committee to specifically deal with the Junior section of the club. Minutes of any meetings will be recorded.

6- The club will have a clearly defined method of recruiting and appointing coaches, which includes the three steps of Safeguarding; Garda vetting, completing the course of 'Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Children's Sport- Basic Awareness training' and fully familiarising themselves with all relevant procedures relating to child protection as laid out in Triathlon Ireland's 'Safeguarding Code for Young People'. The Children's officer must also undertake a one day course as a follow on from the initial course, in conjunction with Triathlon Ireland.

7- All officers and coaches will familiarise themselves with the Code of Conduct , and complaints and appeals procedures , as laid out under Triathlon Ireland's 'Safeguarding Code for Young People'.

8- All members of 3D triathlon should familiarise themselves with and adhere to the guidelines laid down by Triathlon Ireland in 'Safeguarding Code for Young People' in relation to the use of photography, video recording and social media in children's events.

9- All incidents and accidents involving children will be recorded in a log book, retained by the Children's Officer and brought to all Junior events in the club, including training sessions.

10- 3D Triathlon Club will endeavour to appoint a First Aid Officer in the Junior section and run a 1st Aid course, to aid and inform all coaches and members in the club.

11- At least one coach will be present at training sessions, with a parent or leader. Triathlon Ireland's recommended ratio is 1:8 for Under 12's and:10 for over 12's

12- Distribute a copy of the club's Child protection Statement and Triathlon Ireland's 'Safeguarding Code for Young People' to the parents of all junior members, when they join.

This statement was completed in conjunction with Triathlon Ireland, with assistance and advice from triathlon clubs with Junior sections. The statement was approved by the club committee and is effective from 1st January 2015.