



RACQUETBALL ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND

Safeguarding Report

In the 2022/23 season there was no issues to report concerning safeguarding.

Children's Officer Mick Cunningham resigned during the year and Jimmy Gannon took over the duties of Children's Officer until the end of the season

The RAI Safeguarding Statement was reviewed and updated in June.

A Report from the Club Audit Self-Assessment was received from Sport Ireland.

There were 34 self-assessment returns from clubs as of 2023. 19 were marked as 'incomplete' and removed from analysis, leaving 15.

Self-assessment of the key legal requirements for sports (pertinent to relevant services and compliance with Children First 2015) are set out as follows:

- 1.5 We have a written Child Safeguarding Statement (CSS) that is publicly available and prominently displayed. (53.3% Fully Met)
- 2.1 We ensure all relevant volunteers attend the appropriate Safeguarding training before taking up a role with the club. (57.1% Fully Met)
- 3.4 Our reporting procedures provide step-by-step guidance on what action to take if there are concerns about a child or young person. (71.4% Fully Met)
- 5.3 Where required, volunteers must complete the vetting process as per the National Vetting Bureau /Access NI. (92.9% Fully Met)

The Report outlined clubs where clubs were not compliant with Safeguarding practises. Issues such as clubs not having appointed a Children's Officer for their clubs, not have a written Safeguarding Statement and not having done a Risk Assessment for the club.

These issues need to be brought to the notice of those who are not compliant by the Children's Officer.

When clubs update their Safeguarding protocols, they should log on to the Safeguarding Self-Assessment website and do an update.

We expect that clubs would treat non compliance as a matter of urgency and review their Safeguarding protocols.

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