

RISK ASSESSMENT



BASED ON CLUB SAFEGUARDING ACTION PLAN (17/18 SEASON)

This risk assessment considers the potential for harm to come to children whilst they are in BIRR RFC (insert name of club)'s care. This risk assessment will be carried out prior to the publication of the club's Child Safeguarding Statement (Section 11 (1b) Children First Act 2015). In this context and in accordance with the requirements of Section 11 (1) of the Children First Act 2015, that states "a relevant service we will undertake an assessment of any potential harm to a child while availing of the service"; the risk is of abuse and not general health and safety risk (covered under a separate H&S policy and risk assessment by the club). This risk assessment is also in accordance with Sport Northern Ireland's Club Framework for Safeguarding Standards in Sport.

Club Responsibilities

- Clubs are required to **appoint a Club Welfare Officer** to implement the IRFU Safeguarding Policy. Club Welfare Officers should be **vetted and trained to SG2** standard.
- CWO to complete this risk assessment with Club Committee (and any other relevant personnel).
- Club Committee is to table and minute this risk assessment and publish a Child Safeguarding Statement for display (template provided by IRFU)
- **All Age-Grade volunteers** (e.g. coaches, manager, team assistants) that work regularly and continuously (or that their role is a necessary part of working) with young people and/or vulnerable adults **must be vetted before they start**; this process must be carried out through the Club Welfare Officer using the **IRFU Clubhouse** system and an **annual Declaration of Intent** must be signed.
- Rate the risk (high, medium, low) according to the impact it may have on the club if not put in place, for example, appointing, training and vetting a CWO would be rated high, while club members not knowing who the Mandated Person is would be low as this may only be relevant to a small number of people).