

Gaelic Games Associations' Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment 2021 and Risk Assessment Management Audit

COUNTIES

The Gaelic Games Associations operate a joint Code of Behaviour (Underage), which is enshrined in our rules and the content of which reflects how we address our Association, legal and statutory safeguarding obligations.

One specific aspect of the Code of Behaviour (Underage) is that due to the fact that they are recognised as providing a 'relevant service for children', our Clubs & County Boards must undertake a risk assessment that considers the potential for harm that could come to these children while they are in our care. A risk assessment is an exercise we carry out where our Clubs, County Committees, and each of our Associations at national level examine all aspects of our service from a safeguarding perspective and establish whether there are any practices or features of the service, whether they be games, training, other activities for children, or the recruitment of coaches & mentors, that have the potential to put children at risk. Experience shows that discussions on the risk of harm to children in our care inevitably leads to a greater awareness of the Child Safeguarding measures we undertake in our day-to-day work in the Gaelic Games Associations. Counties must now discuss and complete this procedure at County Committee level and must record, sign and date when this discussion took place. Carrying out a risk assessment procedure shall now be required of all units, every two years.

Counties may amend the text outlined in the template or may identify additional columns for inclusion under each heading that may be relevant to the risks identified. A glossary of terms and an explanation of each heading is contained at the end of this Risk Assessment document which may assist you when completing this requirement. This document also includes a Risk Assessment Management Audit section on page 9.

Counties should discuss the 'Likelihood of it happening L/M/H' column and identify if the likelihood of a risk of harm happening if your County personnel fail to adequately address the risks identified as High, Medium, or Low. When reviewing this document, please note that the risk assessment procedure and the subsequent Gaelic Games Child Safeguarding Statement relates to the potential risk of abuse and harm to children when participating in our games and attending our events and not general health and safety risks which shall be covered under your separate H & S policy. Information supplied on the below Risk Assessment may be subject to quality assurance follow up by the Gaelic Games Associations or statutory authorities.

After the risk assessment has been completed, organisations are required to develop, and put on prominent display (social media, website, facilities etc.), a Child Safeguarding Statement that outlines the policies and procedures which are in place to manage and minimise the risks that have been identified. **Please attached a copy of your County's updated Safeguarding Statement at the bottom of the Risk Assessment before submission.** When printing, please note the Statement must be printed on A3 size paper as content will not fit on A4.

Risk Assessments & Safeguarding Statements must be uploaded using an Official Gaelic Games email address (i.e. example@gaa.ie, example@lgfa.ie, example@camogie.ie) [here](#) by 5.00pm on 31st May 2021. PLEASE NOTE: This is a separate link to the Club Risk Assessment & Child Safeguarding Statements. Questions or clarifications not included in the FAQ document may be submitted to safeguardingriskassessment@gaa.ie.

National Child Safeguarding Committee 2021

Gaelic Games Associations' Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment 2021 and Risk Assessment Management Audit
COUNTIES

Gaelic Games Associations' Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment 2021 and Risk Assessment Management Audit

COUNTIES

COUNTY & COACHING PRACTICES					
The potential risk of harm and abuse of children under each of the headings below is high.	High Medium or Low Risk	Extra information (where applicable)	Reference to Policy, Guidance and Procedure	Who is responsible at Club/County/National level?	Further action required (please refer to relevant policy or procedure where applicable)
County coaches and other personnel with no child safeguarding training	M	<p>We have rated this risk as Medium rating. The recent return has resulted in a number of teams very recently returning to training and hence the selection of management teams and backroom teams, some of which are in the process of being finalised. Vetting and Safeguarding training arrangements are currently being dealt with for those who need same after which we would expect to be in a position to reduce this rating to L</p> <p>Number of coaches with no Child Safeguarding training: Full workshop required for: 8. These are currently being arranged</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Safeguarding Level 1 – Child Protection in Sport Awareness Workshop 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Children’s Officer (CO) ○ Coach ○ County Committees 	<i>Training to be arranged for those requiring training and verification of attendance will be required</i>
County coaches with no coaching qualification	M	<p>Number of county coaches with no coaching qualification? We have rated this risk as medium pending confirmation of the position. We expect to then be in a position to reduce this risk to Low. We are working in this in conjunction with the coaching officer. Exact figures will be confirmed as soon as possible however we expect that there will be no county coaches who does not have a coaching qualification..</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Coach education policy ○ Recruitment policy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ County Committees ○ Coaching Officer 	<i>Proof of qualification to be confirmed</i>
County Children’s Officer & Designated Liaison Person have attended relevant training	L	<p>Training has been undertaken by Childrens Officer who has SG 1 (2021), SG 2 (2018 (now due again and will be reattended to once SG 2 training becomes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Safeguarding Level 2/3 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Children’s Officer ○ DLP 	<i>Proof of qualification has been confirmed ad no further action is currently needed</i>

Gaelic Games Associations' Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment 2021 and Risk Assessment Management Audit

COUNTIES

		available) and SG 3 (May 2021).County DLP Mick McGrath has also attended SG 3 training (May 2021)			
Relevant County personnel not vetted/no background checks	M	<p><i>At the date of this Risk Assessment, we have decided to rate this risk rating as Medium not because there is a concern regarding children's safety but due to ongoing enquiries currently being made regarding the safeguarding and vetting status of the relevant County Personnel having a role with children. We expect to be in a position to reduce this rating to L once we have completed our enquiries and have arranged the necessary safeguarding training and completed vetting as needs be. Some management teams/ academy teams are still being finalised. From the information to hand, the following is the current position.</i></p> <p>2 vetting applications with the NVB Revetting required for 4 Vetting applications needed for 6</p> <p>Number of personnel vetted since May 2019*: We are working on this. it is currently difficult to ascertain as generally those having a role at County level also/ have previously had a role at club level. Given that there is currently no county wide database, we will have to go through individual club databases to ascertain the position. This review is ongoing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Code of Behaviour Ref: Recruitment Section 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ County Committees ○ Children's Officer 	<i>Review is ongoing</i>

Gaelic Games Associations' Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment 2021 and Risk Assessment Management Audit

COUNTIES

<p>Poor Practice Inadequate Supervision Lack of supervision ratios</p>	<p align="center">L</p>	<p>We have rated this risk rating as Low. All those having a role with children are aware of importance of good practice requirements. Supervision ratios are strictly enforced. The Childrens Officer has prepared a Brief for circulation which once approved by the County Executive will be distributed to the County Coaching Officer/ County Coaches/ County Academy Personnel/County Minor Committee (Coiste Na nÓg) to include policies, supervision ratio requirements, the Code of Behaviour and The Maintaining Good Practice and Behaviour Guidance, Photography and Social Media Guidelines. The Brief includes information for coaches on Safeguarding and vetting requirements. This will be reviewed on an ongoing basis with open communication between the coaches, Childrens Officer and County Minor Committee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Code of Behaviour (Underage) Ref: Coaching section ○ Supervision policy/ratios ○ Coach education policy ○ Safeguarding Level 1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ County Committees 	<p><i>This will be reviewed on an on-going basis throughout the year.</i></p>
<p>Lack of adherence with miscellaneous procedures e.g., use of mobiles, texting, transport rules, photography.</p>	<p align="center">L</p>	<p>We have also rated this risk rating as Low. Strict adherence to the Social media section of the code of behaviour will be enforced and policies around the area of the Complaints and Disciplinary policies will be enforced. In addition the Childrens Officer has prepared a Brief for circulation which once approved by the County Executive will be distributed to the County Coaching Officer/ County Coaches/ County Academy Personnel/County Minor Committee (Coiste Na nÓg) to include policies, supervision ratio requirements, the Code of Behaviour and The Maintaining Good Practice and Behaviour Guidance, Photography, Social Media Guidelines, transport rules and photography.. This will be reviewed on an ongoing basis with open communication between the coaches, Childrens Officer and County Minor Committee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Code of Behaviour Ref: Social Media section ○ Safeguarding policy ○ Complaints & disciplinary policy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Coach ○ Children's Officer ○ Person in charge ○ Juvenile Committee 	<p><i>This will be reviewed an on ongoing basis with those responsible at County level</i></p>

Gaelic Games Associations' Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment 2021 and Risk Assessment Management Audit

COUNTIES

No guidance on travelling and away trips	L	We have also rated this risk rating as Low. Currently no bus transport in operation. Will be reviewed in line with guidance from Government/ central GAA and guidance then circulated. The Childrens Officer has also prepared a Brief for circulation which once approved by the County Executive will be distributed to the County Coaching Officer/ County Coaches/ County Academy Personnel/County Minor Committee (Coiste Na nÓg) to include guidance on travelling and away trips. This will be reviewed on an ongoing basis with open communication between the coaches and County Minor Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Code of Behaviour Ref: Travelling and away trips sections 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ County Committee and event organisers 	<i>The Brief prepared by the Childrens Officer includes information on the guidance around the area of travelling and away trips – will be reviewed on an ongoing basis as deemed necessary</i>
---	----------	---	---	---	---

COMPLAINTS & DISCIPLINE

The potential risk of harm and abuse of children under each of the headings below is high.	High Medium or Low Risk	Extra information (where applicable)	Reference to Policy, Guidance and Procedure	Who is responsible at Club/County/National level?	Further action required (please refer to relevant policy or procedure where applicable)
No awareness of complaints & disciplinary policy or procedures	L	We have also rated this risk rating as Low. The Brief prepared for circulation referred to above includes information for dealing with alleged Breaches of the Code of behaviour (underage) – both informally and formally. This will be circulated to the County Coaching Officer/ County Coaches/ County Academy Personnel/ County Minor Committee (Coiste Na nÓg) once approved by the County Executive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Code of Behaviour Ref: Dealing with Breaches of Code Section 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ County Committees 	<i>The Relevant sections have been highlighted in the Brief for circulation which will be reviewed on an ongoing basis</i>

Gaelic Games Associations' Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment 2021 and Risk Assessment Management Audit

COUNTIES

Complaints not being dealt with appropriately	L	We have also rated this risk rating as Low. Complaints & Disciplinary procedure/policy adhered to. The Brief prepared for circulation to the County Coaching Officer/ County Coaches/ County Academy Personnel/ County Minor Committee (Coiste Na nÓg) includes information contained for dealing with alleged Breaches of the Code of behaviour (underage) – both informally and formally. This will be circulated once approved by the County Executive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Complaints & Disciplinary procedure/policy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ County Committees 	<i>Will be reviewed on an ongoing basis as needs be</i>
Code of Behaviour Hearing Committee established	L	County Hearing Committee established -Noreen Doherty -Paddy Mullen -Aodh Mairtin O Fearraigh -Enda Bogle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Code of Behaviour 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ County Committees 	<i>The Committee has been established – no further action required</i>

REPORTING PROCEDURES

The potential risk of harm and abuse of children under each of the headings below is high.	High Medium or Low Risk	Extra information (where applicable)	Reference to Policy, Guidance and Procedure	Who is responsible at Club/County/National level?	Further action required (please refer to relevant policy or procedure where applicable)
No organisational reporting procedures Lack of knowledge of statutory reporting procedure Lack of knowledge of procedures	L	We have rated this risk rating as Low. The children's officers, DLP and relevant Committees are aware of their responsibilities. The Brief prepared for circulation referred to includes guidance for dealing with and reporting allegations of concerns of abuse - This will be circulated to the County Coaching Officer/ County Coaches/ County Academy Personnel/ County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reporting procedures/policy ▪ Coach education policy ▪ Code of Behaviour Ref: Reporting Child 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ National Safeguarding Committee ○ Mandated Person ○ DLPs 	<i>policies and procedures are being made known and are available liaisons between the Childrens Officer and the coaching officer and Coiste Na nÓg will</i>

Gaelic Games Associations' Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment 2021 and Risk Assessment Management Audit

COUNTIES

Failure to report concerns or allegations of harm or abuse		Minor Committee (Coiste Na nÓg) once approved by the County Executive	Abuse Concerns Section	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ County Committees ○ Other relevant County personnel 	<i>be continued on an ongoing basis.</i>
Awareness of Association's National Mandated Person (NMP) Awareness of others as per Schedule 2 of the Children First Act who are Mandated Person	L	<i>This risk is Low as</i> The identity of the NMP is included in the Brief for circulation and awareness created around identities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Guidelines for Dealing with Allegations & Concerns of Abuse ▪ Code of Behaviour Ref: Reporting Child Abuse Concerns Section 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Central Council ○ National Safeguarding Committee 	<i>No further action required</i>
County Designated Liaison Person (DLP) appointed	L	This risk is Low as the County DLP is in place (Mick McGrath – County Chairperson) and has also attended the relevant training. The identity is included in the Brief for circulation as referred to above	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Guidelines for Dealing with Allegations & Concerns of Abuse ▪ Code of Behaviour 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ County Committees ○ County DLP ○ National Safeguarding Committee 	<i>No further action required</i>
Children's Officer (with correct title) appointed and in membership of County Executive Committee	L	<i>Childrens Officer appointed and is a member of the County Executive and has also attending SG training.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Code of Behaviour 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ County Committees 	<i>No further action required</i>
Concerns of abuse or harm not reported	L	We have also rated this risk rating as Low. The Brief prepared for circulation referred to above includes information for dealing with alleged Breaches of the Code of behaviour (underage) – both informally and formally. This will be circulated to the County Coaching Officer/ County Coaches/ County Academy Personnel/ County Minor Committee (Coiste Na nÓg) once approved by the County Executive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reporting procedures/policy ▪ Child Safeguarding Training – Level 1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mandated Person ○ DLP at County and National levels ○ County Committees 	<i>This information is also Included in Safeguarding Training (L1) The names of CCOs, DLPs, MP(s) are being publicised. Internal and external reporting procedures are being</i>

Gaelic Games Associations' Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment 2021 and Risk Assessment Management Audit

COUNTIES

					<i>publicised to those having a role with children</i>
Not clear who Young Person (YP) should talk to or report to at County level	L	We have also rated this risk rating as Low. The identity of the Childrens officer and DLP are publicised. The Brief prepared for circulation referred to above includes information for dealing with alleged Breaches of the Code of behaviour (underage) – Reporting Child Abuse Concern. This will be circulated to the County Coaching Officer/ County Coaches/ County Academy Personnel/ County Minor Committee (Coiste Na nÓg) once approved by the County Executive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Code of Behaviour Ref: Reporting Child Abuse Concerns 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ County committees ○ Children's Officer ○ County DLP 	<i>identity of CO, DLP and national MP have been made known This will be Communicated at all levels Included in Child Safeguarding Training</i>

FACILITIES

The potential risk of harm and abuse of children under each of the headings below is high.	High Medium or Low Risk	Extra information (where applicable)	Reference to Policy, Guidance and Procedure	Who is responsible at Club/County/National level?	Further action required (please refer to relevant policy or procedure where applicable)
Unauthorised access to changing rooms, showers, toilets etc. while in use by children.	L	We have also rated this risk rating as Low. There is no unauthorised access to changing rooms, showers, toilets etc while in use by children. The proper ratios of adult to child is implemented. The Brief prepared for circulation referred to above also specifically includes information regarding the supervision policy within the Code of Behaviour (underage). This will be circulated to the County Coaching Officer/ County Coaches/ County Academy Personnel/ County Minor Committee (Coiste Na nÓg) once approved by the County Executive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Code of Behaviour Ref: Supervision policy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Committees and Persons in charge ○ County Committees ○ Children's Officer 	<i>Responsibilities are currently being clarified and will be reviewed on an ongoing basis.</i>
Children sharing facilities with adults e.g., dressing room, showers, warm up areas etc.	L	We have also rated this risk rating as Low. There is no sharing of these facilities between adults and children. The Brief prepared for circulation referred	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Code of Behaviour (Underage) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Committees and Persons in charge 	<i>Facilities management are being consulted to create a suitable</i>

Gaelic Games Associations' Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment 2021 and Risk Assessment Management Audit

COUNTIES

		to above specifically includes information regarding the supervision policy within the Code of behaviour (underage). This will be circulated to the County Coaching Officer/ County Coaches/ County Academy Personnel/ County Minor Committee (Coiste Na nÓg) once approved by the County Executive		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ County Committees ○ Children's Officer 	<i>child centred environment in shared facilities</i>
Unauthorised photography, filming, or recording	L	We have also rated this risk rating as Low. The Brief prepared for circulation referred to above includes information relating to the Communications and Social Media section of the code of behaviour and also the Social Media Policy and Guidelines. This will be circulated to the County Coaching Officer/ County Coaches/ County Academy Personnel/ County Minor Committee (Coiste Na nÓg) once approved by the County Executive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Photography policy and use of devices in private zones 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Committees and Persons in charge 	<i>We are insisting that this Policy be enforced in private changing and wet areas</i>
Missing or found child on site	L	We have also rated this risk rating as Low. The Brief prepared for circulation referred to above includes guidance for dealing with this issue. This will be circulated to the County Coaching Officer/ County Coaches/ County Academy Personnel/ County Minor Committee (Coiste Na nÓg) once approved by the County Executive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Code of Behaviour (Underage) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Committees and Persons in charge 	<i>Personnel are aware of procedures</i>

RECRUITMENT

The potential risk of harm and abuse of children under each of the headings below is high.	High Medium or Low Risk	Extra information (where applicable)	Reference to Policy, Guidance and Procedure	Who is responsible at Club/County/National level?	Further action required (please refer to relevant policy or procedure where applicable)
Recruitment of inappropriate people	L	We have also rated this risk rating as Low. People recruited either in a voluntary or non-voluntary capacity are done so after due diligence checks have been carried out, vetting and safeguarding training are then arranged for those having a role with children.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Code of Behaviour Ref: Recruitment Section 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ County Committees ○ Children's Officer ○ Coaching Officer 	<i>This is reviewed on an ongoing basis</i>

Gaelic Games Associations' Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment 2021 and Risk Assessment Management Audit

COUNTIES

		The Brief prepared for circulation referred to above also includes information from the Recruitment Section in the Code of Behaviour This will be circulated to the County Coaching Officer/ County Coaches/ County Academy Personnel/ County Minor Committee (Coiste Na nÓg) once approved by the County Executive.			
Relevant County personnel not vetted/no background checks	M	We have rated this risk as Medium rating. The recent return to training has resulted in a number of teams recently returning to training. Vetting and Safeguarding training arrangements are currently being attended to after which we would expect to be in a position to reduce this rating to L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Code of Behaviour Ref: Recruitment Section 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ County Committee ○ Children's Officer 	<i>This will be reviewed on an ongoing basis</i>
No role description or inadequate role descriptions	L	We have rated this risk rating as Low. All those who have a role involving children have a clear description as to what their role is and have agreed to undertake their role on this basis.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Code of Behaviour Ref: Recruitment Section 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ County Committees ○ Children's Officer ○ Coaching Officer 	<i>No further action required here. Will be reviewed on an ongoing basis</i>
Unqualified people in roles	L	We have also rated this risk rating as Low. People are selected for roles based on their qualifications, ability and competencies to carry out that role. Once selected the relevant training (if necessary) is arranged.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Code of Behaviour Ref: Recruitment Section ▪ Safeguarding 1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ County Committees ○ Children's Officer ○ Coaching Officer 	<i>Qualifications are checked and this is reviewed on an ongoing basis</i>
Lack of awareness of 'risk of harm' with members and visitors	L	We have also rated this risk rating as Low. The Child Safeguarding Statement is displayed prominently and the Brief for those having a role with children defined "Risk of Harm". The Child Safeguarding Statement is displayed and prominently for visitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Child Safeguarding Statement ▪ Training policy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ National Safeguarding Committee ○ County Committees ○ DLPs 	<i>The Child Safeguarding Statement is displayed</i>

Gaelic Games Associations' Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment 2021 and Risk Assessment Management Audit

COUNTIES

				<input type="radio"/> Children's Officer	
--	--	--	--	--	--

Gaelic Games Associations' Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment 2021 and Risk Assessment Management Audit

COUNTIES

COMMUNICATIONS					
The potential risk of harm and abuse of children under each of the headings below is high.	High Medium or Low Risk	Extra information (where applicable)	Reference to Policy, Guidance and Procedure	Who is responsible at Club/County/National level?	Further action required (please refer to relevant policy or procedure where applicable)
No communication of Child Safeguarding Statement or Code of Behaviour to members or visitors	L	<i>We have rated this risk as Low – The Child Safeguarding Statement is publicly displayed. The code of behaviour is also be distributed to those relevant persons having a role with children</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Child Safeguarding Statement ▪ Code of Behaviour - distribute 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ County Committees ○ DLPs ○ Children’s Officer 	<i>The Child Safeguarding Statement is displayed and is currently being Communicated. The Code of Behaviour is also currently being distributed</i>
Unauthorised photography, recording of activities etc.	L	We have also rated this risk rating as Low. The Brief prepared for circulation referred to above includes guidance for dealing with this issue. This will be circulated to the County Coaching Officer/ County Coaches/ County Academy Personnel/ County Minor Committee (Coiste Na nÓg) once approved by the County Executive This is also dealt with in Safeguarding 1 training. All and any photography and recording of activities in accordance with GAA policies and guidance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Code of Behaviour - Ref: Photography, images section ▪ Child Safeguarding Training Level 1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ County Committee ○ Children’s Officer ○ Team coaches 	<i>This policy is Enforced and reviewed on an ongoing basis with those relevant as needs be</i>
Inappropriate photography & recording activities	L	We have also rated this risk rating as Low. The Brief prepared for circulation referred to above includes guidance for dealing with this issue. This will be circulated to the County Coaching Officer/ County Coaches/ County Academy Personnel/ County Minor Committee (Coiste Na nÓg) once approved by the County Executive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Code of Behaviour – Ref Photography, images section ▪ Child Safeguarding Training – Level 1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Committee and persons in charge ○ Children’s Officer ○ Team coaches 	<i>This policy is Enforced and reviewed on an ongoing basis with those relevant as needs be</i>

Gaelic Games Associations' Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment 2021 and Risk Assessment Management Audit

COUNTIES

		This is also dealt with in Safeguarding 1 training. All those having a role with children are aware of the prohibition on inappropriate photography and recording activities			
Underage players inappropriately accessing/using computers, social media, phones, and other devices while at Gaelic Games Associations' activities	M	<p>We have rated this risk rating as Medium. The use of phones and other electronic devices are strongly discouraged while attending GAA activities however while coaches and personnel adopt a no "no phones" approach this risk is not wholly within our control so we have taken this into account in deciding that a M risk rating is appropriate.</p> <p>The Brief prepared for circulation referred to above includes guidance for dealing with this issue and the guidance in place dealing with this issue – Communications and Social Media section of the code of behaviour and also the Social Media Policy and Guidelines This will be circulated to the County Coaching Officer/ County Coaches/ County Academy Personnel/ County Minor Committee (Coiste Na nÓg) once approved by the County Executive This is also dealt with in safeguarding 1 training</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Communication section in Code of Behaviour (Underage) ▪ Child Safeguarding Training – Level 1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Committee and persons in charge 	<i>This policy will be Enforced and reviewed on an ongoing basis with those relevant as needs be – educating and enforcing policies with young people involved in Gaelic games.</i>
Inappropriate communications with underage players via social media, texting, digital device, or other manner	L	<p>We have also rated this risk rating as Low Through training coaches and those having a role with children are aware that they are not permitted to communicate individually via social media, texting, digital device or other manner with</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Communication section in Code of Behaviour (Underage) ▪ Child Safeguarding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ County Committees ○ Children's Officer ○ Team coaches 	<i>This policy will be Enforced and reviewed on an ongoing basis with those relevant – educating and</i>

Gaelic Games Associations' Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment 2021 and Risk Assessment Management Audit

COUNTIES

		underage players.. The Brief prepared for circulation referred to above also includes a statement on this -Communications and Social Media section of the code of behaviour and also the Social Media Policy and Guidelines . This will be circulated to the County Coaching Officer/ County Coaches/ County Academy Personnel/ County Minor Committee (Coiste Na nÓg) once approved by the County Executive This is also dealt with in safeguarding 1 training	Training – Level 1		<i>enforcing policies with young people involved in Gaelic games.</i>
Awareness of social media policy Acceptable ICT usage policy Streaming of juvenile games	M	We have rated this risk rating as M. As the GAA Social Media Guidelines were only published in 2020, we will be arranging for the distribution of the guidelines to those who have a role with children and the relevant Committees/ persons in charge before the end of June 2021. The Brief prepared for circulation referred to above also includes guidance surrounding this issue..	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ GAA Social Media Guidelines 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Committee & persons in charge 	<i>The policy will be enforced and reviewed on an ongoing basis Awareness of the requirement of parental consent to be communicated</i>
County Child Safeguarding Statement on display in County grounds	L	We have rated this risk as Low as we are currently arranging for the County Child Safeguarding Statement to be displayed in the three County Grounds, SeanMacCumhaill Park, Ballybofey, O' Donnell Park, Letterkenny and Fr Tierney Park, Ballyshannon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Code of Behaviour (Underage) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Children's Officer 	<i>A copy of the Safeguarding Statement is attached at the end of this Risk Assessment</i>
Association Anti Bullying statement on display in County grounds	L	We have rated this risk as Low as we are currently arranging for the Associations Anti Bullying Statement to be displayed in the three County Grounds, SeanMacCumhaill Park, Ballybofey,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Code of Behaviour (Underage) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Children's Officer 	<i>Anti-Bullying statement to be publicly displayed</i>

Gaelic Games Associations' Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment 2021 and Risk Assessment Management Audit

COUNTIES

		O' Donnell Park, Letterkenny and Fr Tierney Park, Ballyshannon			
--	--	--	--	--	--

GENERAL RISK OF HARM					
The potential risk of harm and abuse of children under each of the headings below is high.	High Medium or Low Risk	Extra information (where applicable)	Reference to Policy, Guidance and Procedure	Who is responsible at Club/County/National level?	Further action required (please refer to relevant policy or procedure where applicable)
Harm not being recognised	L	We have rated this risk as Low "L" as through training and an awareness of policies, those having a role with children are able to recognise and deal with the potential risk of "Harm" to children.	Safeguarding policies Child Safeguarding Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ DLP ○ Children's Officer ○ Mandated Person ○ Team coaches 	<i>Continuation with implementation of policies. Will be reviewed on an ongoing basis</i>
General behavioural issues	L	We have rated this risk as Law "L" as through an awareness of policies and the Code of Behaviour (underage), those having a role with children are able to recognise the risk of harm to children caused by general behavioural issues and to take the relevant disciplinary action where necessary. The ethos of the Code of Behaviour and the maintenance of appropriate levels of behaviour while participating in training and games is adhered to.	Code of Behaviour (Underage)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Team coaches ○ Children's Officers 	<i>Take disciplinary action where necessary</i>

Gaelic Games Associations' Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment 2021 and Risk Assessment Management Audit

COUNTIES

	M	Code of Behaviour not signed by those having a role with children			<i>Code of Behaviour to be signed by all those having a role with children</i>
--	---	---	--	--	--

RISK ASSESSMENT MANAGEMENT AUDIT					
The potential risk of harm and abuse of children under each of the headings below is high.	High Medium or Low Risk	Extra information (where applicable)	Reference to Policy, Guidance and Procedure	Who is responsible at Club/County/National level?	Further action required (please refer to relevant policy or procedure where applicable)
How many new coaches or mentors for underage teams have commenced their roles since May 2019*	M	Number of new coaches/mentors since 2019*: a review of this risk is ongoing so the Risk is rated as M until the position can be definitively ascertained	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Coach Education Policy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Coaching Officer 	<i>Proof of qualification confirmed Review ongoing</i>
Number of personnel who have attended safeguarding training since May 2019*	M	Data only available for 2021. Due to absence of County wide database, this leads to difficulty correlating the data required Number of –	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Code of Behaviour (Underage) and legislation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Children's Officer (CO) ○ Coach ○ County Committees 	<i>Training arranged as required Verification of attendance sought Ongoing review</i>

Gaelic Games Associations' Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment 2021 and Risk Assessment Management Audit

COUNTIES

		Full Safeguarding completed ; 2 Refresher 1 Temp completed for: 1 Full workshop required for: 8 Safeguarding 2: 1 Childrens Officer Safeguarding 3 2 County Chair and Childrens Officer			
--	--	---	--	--	--

This Risk Assessment Procedure was discussed and adopted at the _____ (County) Committee on _____ (date)

County Chairperson:

Name: _____ Mick McGrath _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____

County Children's Officer:

Name: Daireen McMenamin

Signed: *Daireen McMenamin*

Date: _____

Gaelic Games Associations' Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment 2021 and Risk Assessment Management Audit

COUNTIES

PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT HERE:

Gaelic Games Associations' Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment 2021 and Risk Assessment Management Audit

COUNTIES

Glossary of Terms and Explanation of Headings and Terminology

- **Potential risk of harm and abuse to children**
These include concerns, poor practices, failures to implement policy that are classified as areas of potential high risks of harm to children
- **Likelihood of it happening Rate as Low/Medium/High**
Committee should examine the likelihood of any of these risks occurring, how serious the consequences could be and rate them High, Medium, Low
- **Extra information (Where applicable)**
Please use this section to detail any important information in connection with the potential risk of harm & abuse to children being analysed
- **Reference to Policy, Guidance and Procedure**
These are the policies, codes, guidance we have in place that if implemented could alleviate the risks
 - Code of Behaviour (Underage) (Please note: The Code of Behaviour mentioned in the Risk Assessment & Child Safeguarding Statement refers to the current Code of Behaviour. A new code is expected to be released in June 2021 and can be viewed here when available: <https://www.gaa.ie/the-gaa/child-welfare-and-protection/code-of-behaviour>)
 - Recruitment Policy
 - Vetting Policy
 - Gaelic Games Child Safeguarding Training Policy
 - Guidance for Dealing & Reporting Allegations of Concerns of Abuse
 - GAA Social Media Guidelines
- **Who is responsible at Club/County/National?**
Who is responsible for ensuring that the relevant policy etc. is implemented?
- **Further action required**
Please record how the response may be implemented or if need be, how it can be monitored or reviewed and if target dates or completion dates are required to address any issues that arose as part of the Risk Assessment process
- **Temporary Safeguarding 1** – Please note the programme is temporary and certificates issued shall expire on 31 December 2021, unless renewed by the National Child Safeguarding Committee.
- **2019*** - References to 2019 are to be used as a comparative measure against the last Risk Assessment that was required by Gaelic Games Associations'
- **Coach:** includes coaches/managers/trainers or others involved in the running of an underage team
- **Committee:** Can refer to Club Executive, Bord na nÓg or Coiste na nÓg, County Committee or Committee in charge
- **Code of Behaviour (Underage):** Also referred to as 'Code' replaces the previous Code of Best Practice in Youth Sport from 1 March 2018

Gaelic Games Associations' Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment 2021 and Risk Assessment Management Audit

COUNTIES

- **Guidelines for Dealing with Allegations & Concerns of Abuse**
The current guidance that directs Clubs and County Committees when dealing with allegations or concerns of abuse. Currently under review.
- **Child Safeguarding Training:** Safeguarding Level 1 – Child Protection in Sport Awareness Workshop, Safeguarding Level 2 – Children’s Officer Workshop and Safeguarding Level 3 – Designated Liaison Person Workshop
- **Child Safeguarding Statement:** This is an agreed Child Safeguarding Statement from all of the Gaelic Games Associations. Once agreed it can be amended and must be signed by the Children’s Officer. It **must** be put on *display* in a prominent position in your premises or where possible in the external facilities you may use in the promotion of our games and activities with children.
- **Children’s Officer:** This Officer, appointed by Club and County Committees has a wide range of responsibilities including ensuring that all aspects of the Code of Behaviour (Underage) are implemented, that those working with children are vetted and have attended child safeguarding training. The Children’s Officers shall be the Association’s relevant persons or first points of contact in respect of the Child Safeguarding Statement
- **Designated Liaison Person:** The DLP is responsible for ensuring that reporting procedures are followed and known at County level
- **Mandated Person:** The mandated person who has a legal obligation to report harm of children as per legislation
GAA: Gearóid Ó Maoilmhichíl - mandatedperson@gaa.ie.
LGFA: Paula Prunty - mandatedperson@lgfa.ie
Camogie: Roberta Farrell - mandatedperson@camogie.ie
Handball: John Kelly – mandatedperson.handball@gaa.ie
Rounders: - Gearóid Ó Maoilmhichíl - mandatedperson@gaa.ie.