



LOUTH

Risk Assessment Summary



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CLUB DETAILS

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County	Louth
Club Type	LGFA
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RESPONSES

Section 1. County & Coaching Practices

1.1 COUNTY COACHES/TRAINERS/MENTORS/CAMP PERSONNEL AND OTHER PERSONNEL WITH NO CHILD SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Risk

- Medium

Reference to Policy, Guidance and Procedure

- Safeguarding 1 Workshop
- Other

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- Vetting Policy

Who is responsible at County level?

- Children's Officer
- County Executive
- Coaches
- Other

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- FLO's

Further action required/extra information

- In 2025 we held 23 safeguarding 1 courses (SG1) across the County which over 400 members attended. Proof of qualification to be obtained prior to positions being ratified by County Board / Executive if not uploaded on Foireann.

1.2 COUNTY COACHES AND CAMP COACHES WITH NO COACHING QUALIFICATION

Risk

- Medium

Reference to Policy, Guidance and Procedure

- Section 5 Recruitment & Selection
- Coach Education Policy

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- *Not answered*

Who is responsible at County level?

- County Executive
- Coaching Officer
- Coaches

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- *Not answered*

Further action required/extra information

- Proof of qualification to be obtained prior to positions being ratified by County Board / Executive if not uploaded on Foireaann

1.3 COUNTY COACHES/TRAINERS/MENTORS/CAMP PERSONNEL AND OTHER RELEVANT PERSONNEL NOT VETTED/NO BACKGROUND CHECKS

Risk

- Medium

Reference to Policy, Guidance and Procedure

- Section 3 Code of Behaviour
- Section 5 Recruitment & Selection
- Other

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- Vetting Policy

Who is responsible at County level?

- Children's Officer
- County Executive
- Coaches
- Other

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- FLO's

Further action required/extra information

- Proof of qualification to be obtained prior to positions being ratified by County Board / Executive if not uploaded on Foireaann

1.4 COUNTY CHILDREN’S OFFICER HAS ATTENDED THE RELEVANT SAFEGUARDING TRAINING (WORKSHOP LEVELS 1 AND 2)

Risk

- Medium

Reference to Policy, Guidance and Procedure

- Child Safeguarding Policy
- Safeguarding 1 Workshop
- Safeguarding 2 (CCO) Workshop

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- Not answered

Who is responsible at County level?

- Children's Officer
- Designated Liaison Person (DLP)
- County Executive

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- Not answered

Further action required/extra information

- Proof of qualification to be obtained prior to positions being ratified by CB if not uploaded on Foireann. Report issued to all clubs on 15/04 reminding all children's officers of their obligations in relation to the necessary qualifications required as a children's officer. Arrange SG 1 & 2 workshop for non-compliant children officers. Verification of attendance to be logged at each session. 2025 held 23 (SG1) across the County which over 400 members attended. SG 2 scheduled for 12/05.

1.5 COUNTY DESIGNATED LIAISON PERSON AND DEPUTY DESIGNATED LIAISON PERSON HAVE ATTENDED RELEVANT SAFEGUARDING TRAINING (WORKSHOP LEVELS 1 AND 3)

Risk

- Medium

Reference to Policy, Guidance and Procedure

- Child Safeguarding Policy
- Safeguarding 1 Workshop
- Safeguarding 3 (DLP) Workshop

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- Not answered

Who is responsible at County level?

- Children's Officer
- Designated Liaison Person (DLP)
- County Executive

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- Not answered

Further action required/extra information

- Proof of qualification to be obtained prior to positions being ratified by CB if not uploaded on Foireann. Report issued to all clubs on 15/04 reminding all children's officers of their obligations in relation to the necessary qualifications required as a children's officer. Arrange SG 1 & 2 workshop for non-compliant children officers. Verification of attendance to be logged at each session. 2025 held 23 (SG1) across the County which over 400 members attended. SG 3 scheduled for 13/05.

1.6 POOR PRACTICE, INADEQUATE SUPERVISION, INADEQUATE SUPERVISION RATIOS

Risk

- Low

Reference to Policy, Guidance and Procedure

- Section 3 Code of Behaviour
- Section 7 Complaints Procedure
- Safeguarding 1 Workshop
- Coach Education Policy

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- Not answered

Who is responsible at County level?

- County Executive

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- Not answered

Further action required/extra information

- Regular reviews to ensure ratio's are maintained as set out below: 2 Adults to 10 children 3 Adults to 10 – 20 Children

1.7 LACK OF ADHERENCE WITH AGREED PROCEDURES E.G., USE OF MOBILES, TEXTING, RECORDING, STREAMING, ANALYSIS, PHOTOGRAPHY, AND TRANSPORT RULES.

Risk

- Medium

Reference to Policy, Guidance and Procedure

- Section 3 Code of Behaviour
- Safeguarding 1 Workshop
- GAA Social Media Guidelines

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- *Not answered*

Who is responsible at County level?

- County Executive
- Coaches
- Other

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- FLO's

Further action required/extra information

- Official Photographer in place. - Parental consent given or not given on club registration form and can be verified on Foireann. - Code of Behaviour – Ref Photography, images section

1.8 NO GUIDANCE ON TRAVELLING, ON AWAY TRIPS OR WHEN HOSTING AN ACTIVITY

Risk

- Low

Reference to Policy, Guidance and Procedure

- Section 6. Safe Management of Activities for Underage

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- *Not answered*

Who is responsible at County level?

- County Executive
- Coaches
- Other

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- FLO's

Further action required/extra information

- Only allow Team Mentors & Co. Board officials (chairperson / secretary) are permitted to travel with teams. All personnel involved with teams must be over the age of 16.

Section 2. Complaints & Discipline

2.1 NO AWARENESS OF COMPLAINTS & DISCIPLINARY POLICY OR PROCEDURES

Risk

- Low

Reference to Policy, Guidance and Procedure

- Section 3 Code of Behaviour
- Section 7 Complaints Procedure

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- *Not answered*

Who is responsible at County level?

- Children's Officer
- Designated Liaison Person (DLP)
- County Executive
- Coaches
- Other

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- FLO's

Further action required/extra information

- Coda Discipline to ensure we are adhering to Code of Behaviour

2.2 COMPLAINTS NOT BEING DEALT WITH APPROPRIATELY

Risk

- Low

Reference to Policy, Guidance and Procedure

- Section 3 Code of Behaviour
- Section 7 Complaints Procedure
- Section 4. Dealing with & Reporting Allegations or Concerns of Abuse

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- *Not answered*

Who is responsible at County level?

- Children's Officer
- Designated Liaison Person (DLP)
- County Executive
- Coaches
- Other

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- FLO's

Further action required/extra information

- Ensure we are adhering to Code of Behaviour and all other relevant procedures

2.3 LACK OF AWARENESS OF HOW TO REPORT COMPLAINTS SUCH AS POOR PRACTICE, BREACHES OF THE CHILD SAFEGUARDING POLICY AND ASSOCIATED DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

Risk

- Low

Reference to Policy, Guidance and Procedure

- Section 3 Code of Behaviour
- Section 4. Dealing with & Reporting Allegations or Concerns of Abuse
- Child Safeguarding Policy
- Coach Education Policy

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- *Not answered*

Who is responsible at County level?

- Children's Officer
- Designated Liaison Person (DLP)
- County Executive
- National Safeguarding Committee
- Coaching Officer
- Mandated Person

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- *Not answered*

Further action required/extra information

- Make policies and procedures available Include in Safeguarding Training (L1) Include in Coach Education Training

2.4 COUNTY CHILD SAFEGUARDING HEARINGS COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED

Risk

- Medium

Reference to Policy, Guidance and Procedure

- Section 3 Code of Behaviour
- Section 4. Dealing with & Reporting Allegations or Concerns of Abuse

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- *Not answered*

Who is responsible at County level?

- Children's Officer
- Designated Liaison Person (DLP)
- County Executive

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- *Not answered*

Further action required/extra information

- Committee in place in conjunction with Louth GAA and Camogie

2.5 COUNTY CHILD SAFEGUARDING DETERMINING COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED

Risk

- Medium

Reference to Policy, Guidance and Procedure

- Section 3 Code of Behaviour
- Section 4. Dealing with & Reporting Allegations or Concerns of Abuse

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- Not answered

Who is responsible at County level?

- Children's Officer
- Designated Liaison Person (DLP)
- County Executive

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- Not answered

Further action required/extra information

- Committee in place in conjunction with Louth GAA and Camogie

Section 3. Reporting Procedures

3.1 AWARENESS OF ORGANISATIONAL REPORTING PROCEDURES – CHILD SAFEGUARDING POLICY GUIDANCE FOR DEALING WITH AND REPORTING ALLEGATIONS OR CONCERNS OF ABUSE

Risk

- Low

Reference to Policy, Guidance and Procedure

- Section 7 Complaints Procedure
- Section 4. Dealing with & Reporting Allegations or Concerns of Abuse
- Child Safeguarding Policy
- Coach Education Policy

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- *Not answered*

Who is responsible at County level?

- Children's Officer
- Designated Liaison Person (DLP)
- County Executive
- National Safeguarding Committee

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- *Not answered*

Further action required/extra information

- Relevant policy/procedure documents to be held on Louth LGFA group website New committee members, and Children's Officers and DLP are to be made aware of disciplinary procedures

3.2 LACK OF KNOWLEDGE OF STATUTORY REPORTING PROCEDURES. FAILURE TO REPORT CONCERNS OR ALLEGATIONS OF HARM OR ABUSE

Risk

- Low

Reference to Policy, Guidance and Procedure

- Section 3 Code of Behaviour
- Section 7 Complaints Procedure
- Coach Education Policy

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- *Not answered*

Who is responsible at County level?

- Children's Officer
- Designated Liaison Person (DLP)
- County Executive
- National Safeguarding Committee
- Coaches
- Other

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- FLO's

Further action required/extra information

- Make policies and procedures available Include in Safeguarding Training (L1) Include in Coach Education Training

3.3 AWARENESS OF ASSOCIATION'S NATIONAL MANDATED PERSON (NMP)

Risk

- Medium

Reference to Policy, Guidance and Procedure

- Section 3 Code of Behaviour
- Section 4. Dealing with & Reporting Allegations or Concerns of Abuse
- Child Safeguarding Policy

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- *Not answered*

Who is responsible at County level?

- County Executive
- National Safeguarding Committee

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- *Not answered*

Further action required/extra information

- Publise identity of Mandated Person via national group website

3.4 AWARENESS OF OTHERS AS PER SCHEDULE 2 OF THE CHILDREN FIRST ACT WHO ARE MANDATED PERSONS

Risk

- Medium

Reference to Policy, Guidance and Procedure

- Section 3 Code of Behaviour
- Section 4. Dealing with & Reporting Allegations or Concerns of Abuse
- Child Safeguarding Policy

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- *Not answered*

Who is responsible at County level?

- County Executive
- National Safeguarding Committee

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- *Not answered*

Further action required/extra information

- Publise identity of Mandated Person via national group website

3.5 COUNTY DESIGNATED LIAISON PERSON (DLP) APPOINTED

Risk

- Low

Reference to Policy, Guidance and Procedure

- Section 3 Code of Behaviour
- Section 7 Complaints Procedure
- Section 4. Dealing with & Reporting Allegations or Concerns of Abuse

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- *Not answered*

Who is responsible at County level?

- Children's Officer
- County Executive
- National Safeguarding Committee

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- *Not answered*

Further action required/extra information

- Publise identity of DLP Display DLP and Child Officers Names and contact details on social media page as Louth LGFA don't have their own facilities (premises / grounds)

3.6 COUNTY DEPUTY DESIGNATED LIAISON PERSON APPOINTED

Risk

- Low

Reference to Policy, Guidance and Procedure

- Section 3 Code of Behaviour
- Section 7 Complaints Procedure
- Section 4. Dealing with & Reporting Allegations or Concerns of Abuse

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- Not answered

Who is responsible at County level?

- Children's Officer
- County Executive
- National Safeguarding Committee

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- Not answered

Further action required/extra information

- Publise identity of DLP Display DLP and Child Officers Names and contact details on social media page as Louth LGFA don't have their own facilities (premises / grounds)

3.7 COUNTY CHILDREN’S OFFICER (WITH CORRECT TITLE) APPOINTED AND IN MEMBERSHIP OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Risk

- Low

Reference to Policy, Guidance and Procedure

- Section 3 Code of Behaviour
- Other

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- COB – Dealing with breaches of the code of behaviour

Who is responsible at County level?

- County Executive

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- Not answered

Further action required/extra information

- Publise identity of Children's Officer on website

3.8 CONCERNS OF ABUSE OR HARM NOT REPORTED

Risk

- Low

Reference to Policy, Guidance and Procedure

- Section 3 Code of Behaviour
- Section 4. Dealing with & Reporting Allegations or Concerns of Abuse
- Child Safeguarding Policy
- Safeguarding 1 Workshop
- Safeguarding 2 (CCO) Workshop
- Other

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- COB - dealing with breaches of code of behaviour

Who is responsible at County level?

- Children's Officer
- Designated Liaison Person (DLP)
- Mandated Person
- Other

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- Hearings / Determining Committee

Further action required/extra information

- Include in Safeguarding Training (L1) Publicise names of CCOs, DLPs, MP(s) Publicise internal and external reporting procedures on website

3.9 NOT CLEAR WHO A CHILD, YOUNG PERSON (YP) SHOULD TALK TO OR REPORT TO AT COUNTY LEVEL

Risk

- Medium

Reference to Policy, Guidance and Procedure

- Section 3 Code of Behaviour
- Section 8 Role & Responsibilities
- Other

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- COB - maintaining good practice and behaviour

Who is responsible at County level?

- Children's Officer
- Designated Liaison Person (DLP)
- County Executive
- Coaches
- Other

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- FLO's

Further action required/extra information

- Include in Child Safeguarding Training

3.10 PARENTS/GUARDIANS NOT AWARE HOW TO RAISE A COMPLAINT OR REPORT A CONCERN

Risk

- Medium

Reference to Policy, Guidance and Procedure

- Section 3 Code of Behaviour
- Section 7 Complaints Procedure
- Section 4. Dealing with & Reporting Allegations or Concerns of Abuse
- Other

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- COB - maintaining good practice & behaviour, dealing with breaches of code of behaviour

Who is responsible at County level?

- Children's Officer
- Designated Liaison Person (DLP)
- County Executive

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- *Not answered*

Further action required/extra information

- Make identity of CO, DLP and national MP known. Communicate this at all levels Include in Child Safeguarding Training

3.11 CHILD AND YOUNG PERSON NOT AWARE HOW TO RAISE A COMPLAINT, OR REPORT A CONCERN

Risk

- Medium

Reference to Policy, Guidance and Procedure

- Section 3 Code of Behaviour
- Section 7 Complaints Procedure
- Section 4. Dealing with & Reporting Allegations or Concerns of Abuse
- Other

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- o COB - Maintaining Good Practice and Behaviour o COB - Dealing with Breaches of the Code of Behaviour

Who is responsible at County level?

- Children's Officer
- Designated Liaison Person (DLP)
- County Executive
- Coaches
- Other

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- FLO's

Further action required/extra information

- Make identity of CO, DLP and national MP known FLO to communicate this to the teams prior to training commencing each year – introduce the CO and DLP to the teams CO / DLP to attend training / matches

Section 4. Facilities

4.1 UNAUTHORISED ACCESS TO CHANGING ROOMS, GYM FACILITIES, SHOWERS, TOILETS ETC. WHILE IN USE BY CHILDREN.

Risk

- Medium

Reference to Policy, Guidance and Procedure

- Section 3 Code of Behaviour
- Section 8 Role & Responsibilities
- Child Safeguarding Policy

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- o COB - Dealing with Breaches of the Code of Behaviour

Who is responsible at County level?

- Children's Officer
- County Executive
- Coaches
- Other

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- FLO's

Further action required/extra information

- Communicate responsibilities before season starts. - Meeting to be held with Management teams regards procedures for dressing rooms, etc... prior to the commencement of each season

4.2 CHILDREN SHARING FACILITIES WITH ADULTS E.G., DRESSING ROOM, SHOWERS, WARM UP AREAS ETC

Risk

- Low

Reference to Policy, Guidance and Procedure

- Section 3 Code of Behaviour
- Section 8 Role & Responsibilities
- Child Safeguarding Policy
- Other

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- o COB - Maintaining Good Practice and Behaviour o COB - Dealing with Breaches of the Code of Behaviour

Who is responsible at County level?

- Children's Officer
- County Executive
- Coaches
- Other

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- FLO's

Further action required/extra information

- Plan with facilities management in partnership with Louth GAA to ensure a suitable child centered environment in shared facilities

4.3 UNAUTHORISED PHOTOGRAPHY, FILMING, RECORDING, STREAMING AND ANALYSIS

Risk

- Low

Reference to Policy, Guidance and Procedure

- Section 3 Code of Behaviour
- GAA Social Media Guidelines
- Other

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- o COB - Communication & Photography

Who is responsible at County level?

- Children's Officer
- County Executive
- Coaches
- Other

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- FLO's

Further action required/extra information

- Only use the two contractors for games that have been agreed by the executive and have issued communication to all coaches that the use of VEO is not permitted. Policy of no phone usage in dressing rooms to be communicate by coaches at the start of the season and on-going monitoring of same.

4.4 MISSING OR CHILD FOUND ON SITE PROCEDURES

Risk

- Low

Reference to Policy, Guidance and Procedure

- Section 3 Code of Behaviour
- Other

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- o COB - Maintaining Good Practice and Behaviour o COB - Dealing with Breaches of the Code of Behaviour

Who is responsible at County level?

- Children's Officer
- Designated Liaison Person (DLP)
- County Executive
- Coaches
- Other

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- FLO's

Further action required/extra information

- Make personnel aware of procedures / responsibilities

4.5 A CHECK CONDUCTED BY COUNTY WHEN HIRING FACILITIES TO ENSURE THAT APPROPRIATE SAFEGUARDING PROCEDURES HAVE BEEN PUT IN PLACE

Risk

- Low

Reference to Policy, Guidance and Procedure

- Section 6. Safe Management of Activities for Underage
- Child Safeguarding Policy

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- Not answered

Who is responsible at County level?

- Children's Officer
- County Executive
- Coaching Officer

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- Not answered

Further action required/extra information

- Plan with facilities management in partnership with Louth GAA to ensure a suitable child centered environment in shared facilities. Apply same principles when hiring the use of other locations for games / training facilities.

Section 5. Recruitment

5.1 RECRUITMENT OF INAPPROPRIATE PEOPLE/ UNQUALIFIED PEOPLE IN ROLES (E.G. COACHES)

Risk

- Low

Reference to Policy, Guidance and Procedure

- Section 3 Code of Behaviour
- Section 5 Recruitment & Selection
- Child Safeguarding Policy
- Other

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- Vetting Policy

Who is responsible at County level?

- Children's Officer
- County Executive
- Coaching Officer

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- *Not answered*

Further action required/extra information

- County will review on an ongoing basis and have set up a central data base of all coaches and qualifications held on

5.2 COUNTY COACHES/TRAINERS/MENTORS/MATCH OFFICIALS AND OTHER PERSONNEL WITH NO VALID VETTING

Risk

- Low

Reference to Policy, Guidance and Procedure

- Section 3 Code of Behaviour
- Section 5 Recruitment & Selection
- Other

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- o COB - Dealing with Breaches of the Code of Behaviour o COB - Recruitment & Selection o Vetting Policy

Who is responsible at County level?

- Children's Officer
- County Executive

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- *Not answered*

Further action required/extra information

- Review on an ongoing basis Proof of qualification to be obtained prior to positions being ratified by County Board if not uploaded on Foireaann prior to taking up personnel positions Vetting is required every three years

5.3 RECRUITMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF FIXTURES TO REFEREES WITH NO VALID VETTING OR IN-SERVICE TRAINING (INCLUDES SAFEGUARDING)

Risk

- Medium

Reference to Policy, Guidance and Procedure

- Section 3 Code of Behaviour
- Section 5 Recruitment & Selection
- Child Safeguarding Policy
- Coach Education Policy
- Other

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- Vetting Policy

Who is responsible at County level?

- Children's Officer
- County Executive
- National Safeguarding Committee
- Other

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- Registrar

Further action required/extra information

- Review on an ongoing basis Proof of qualification to be obtained prior to positions being ratified

5.4 RECRUITMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF RELEVANT COUNTY PERSONNEL WHO ARE NOT VETTED/NO BACKGROUND CHECKS

Risk

- Low

Reference to Policy, Guidance and Procedure

- Section 3 Code of Behaviour
- Section 5 Recruitment & Selection
- Other

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- Vetting Policy

Who is responsible at County level?

- Children's Officer
- Designated Liaison Person (DLP)
- County Executive

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- *Not answered*

Further action required/extra information

- Review on an ongoing basis Proof of qualification to be obtained prior to positions being ratified by County Board if not uploaded on Foireaann prior to taking up personnel positions Vetting is required every three years

5.5 RELEVANT COUNTY PERSONNEL NOT HAVING COMPLETED SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Risk

- Medium

Reference to Policy, Guidance and Procedure

- Section 5 Recruitment & Selection
- Child Safeguarding Policy
- Safeguarding 1 Workshop
- Safeguarding 2 (CCO) Workshop
- Safeguarding 3 (DLP) Workshop

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- *Not answered*

Who is responsible at County level?

- Children's Officer
- Designated Liaison Person (DLP)
- County Executive

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- *Not answered*

Further action required/extra information

- Safe guarding 1 for coaches / FLO's Safeguarding 1 & 2 for children's officer Safeguarding 1 & 3 for DLP Safeguarding training is required every three years

5.6 NO ROLE DESCRIPTION OR INADEQUATE ROLE DESCRIPTIONS FOR THOSE WORKING WITH CHILDREN

Risk

- Medium

Reference to Policy, Guidance and Procedure

- Section 5 Recruitment & Selection
- Section 8 Role & Responsibilities

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- *Not answered*

Who is responsible at County level?

- Children's Officer
- County Executive
- Coaching Officer

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- *Not answered*

Further action required/extra information

- Roles clearly identified upon appointment FLO's to complete on-line course provided by the LGFA

5.7 LACK OF AWARENESS OF ‘RISK OF HARM’ WITH MEMBERS AND VISITORS

Risk

- Low

Reference to Policy, Guidance and Procedure

- Section 7 Complaints Procedure
- Section 6. Safe Management of Activities for Underage
- Child Safeguarding Policy
- Other

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- Child safeguarding statement

Who is responsible at County level?

- Children's Officer
- Designated Liaison Person (DLP)
- County Executive
- Coaches

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- Not answered

Further action required/extra information

- Safeguarding statement and all relevant policies to be clearly displayed on Louth LGFA website

Section 6. Communications

6.1 NO AWARENESS OR COMMUNICATION OF CHILD SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT OR CHILD SAFEGUARDING POLICY TO MEMBERS OR VISITORS

Risk

- Medium

Reference to Policy, Guidance and Procedure

- Section 3 Code of Behaviour
- Section 4. Dealing with & Reporting Allegations or Concerns of Abuse
- Child Safeguarding Policy

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- *Not answered*

Who is responsible at County level?

- Children's Officer
- Designated Liaison Person (DLP)
- County Executive

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- *Not answered*

Further action required/extra information

- The county is aware that Safeguarding Statements must be publicly displayed but do not have their own premises so it is communicated displayed & communicated via our group website Upon completion of the 2025 risk assessment we will be displaying and communicating our Child Safeguarding Statement via our group website Sections as appropriate

6.2 UNDERAGE PLAYERS INAPPROPRIATELY ACCESSING/USING COMPUTERS, SOCIAL MEDIA, PHONES, AND OTHER DEVICES WHILE AT GAELIC GAMES ASSOCIATIONS' ACTIVITIES OR ON OUR PREMISES

Risk

- Medium

Reference to Policy, Guidance and Procedure

- Section 3 Code of Behaviour
- Child Safeguarding Policy
- Safeguarding 1 Workshop
- GAA Social Media Guidelines
- Other

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- COB - Dealing with Breaches of the Code of Behaviour

Who is responsible at County level?

- Children's Officer
- County Executive
- Coaches
- Other

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- FLO's

Further action required/extra information

- Enforce policy as required and review on an ongoing basis Use of mobile phones is not permitted in the dressing rooms and this must be communicated to all teams before each season commences

6.3 INAPPROPRIATE COMMUNICATIONS WITH UNDERAGE PLAYERS VIA SOCIAL MEDIA, TEXTING, DIGITAL DEVICE, OR OTHER MANNER

Risk

- Medium

Reference to Policy, Guidance and Procedure

- Section 3 Code of Behaviour
- Child Safeguarding Policy
- Safeguarding 1 Workshop
- GAA Social Media Guidelines
- Other

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- o COB - Dealing with Breaches of the Code of Behaviour

Who is responsible at County level?

- Children's Officer
- Designated Liaison Person (DLP)
- County Executive
- Coaches
- Other

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- FLO's

Further action required/extra information

- Enforce policy as required and review on an ongoing basis. Use of mobile phones is not permitted in the dressing rooms and this must be communicated to all teams before each season commences

6.4 AWARENESS OF SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY, ACCEPTABLE ICT USAGE, STREAMING POLICY OF JUVENILE GAMES

Risk

- Medium

Reference to Policy, Guidance and Procedure

- GAA Social Media Guidelines

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- Not answered

Who is responsible at County level?

- County Executive
- Coaches
- Other

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- FLO's

Further action required/extra information

- Enforce policy as required and review on an ongoing basis – Ensure parental consent is obtained prior to commencement of each season

6.5 COUNTY CHILD SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT ON DISPLAY ON COUNTY GROUNDS AND UPLOADED TO THE COUNTY WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE

Risk

- Low

Reference to Policy, Guidance and Procedure

- Section 3 Code of Behaviour
- Child Safeguarding Policy

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- *Not answered*

Who is responsible at County level?

- Children's Officer
- County Executive
- Other

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- PRO

Further action required/extra information

- Louth LGFA do not have their own grounds Safeguarding Statements will be updated as part of the 2025 risk assessment and displayed on our social media pages - 2023 is currently uploaded

6.6 CONSENT FORM FOR UNDERAGE PLAYERS WITH PARENTAL PERMISSION WITH RELEVANT MEDICAL INFORMATION & PERMISSION TO PARTICIPATE, PHOTOGRAPHIC/STREAMING /RECORDING AND ANALYSIS PERMISSION, & TRAVEL CONSENT – ALL COMPLETED AS REQUIRED

Risk

- Medium

Reference to Policy, Guidance and Procedure

- Section 3 Code of Behaviour
- Section 8 Role & Responsibilities
- Section 6. Safe Management of Activities for Underage
- Child Safeguarding Policy
- Other

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- COB - Maintaining Good Practice and Behaviour COB - Organising County Activities

Who is responsible at County level?

- Children's Officer
- County Executive
- Coaches
- Other

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- FLO's

Further action required/extra information

- Ensure consent form is received prior to the commencement of training for all County age groups and held by each FLO

Section 7. General Risk of Harm

7.1 HARM NOT BEING RECOGNISED

Risk

- Low
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Reference to Policy, Guidance and Procedure

- Section 3 Code of Behaviour
 - Section 7 Complaints Procedure
 - Section 6. Safe Management of Activities for Underage
 - Section 4. Dealing with & Reporting Allegations or Concerns of Abuse
 - Section 9. Anti Bullying Policy
 - Child Safeguarding Policy
 - Safeguarding 1 Workshop
 - Safeguarding 2 (CCO) Workshop
 - Safeguarding 3 (DLP) Workshop
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If you have selected "Other", please state why

- *Not answered*
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Who is responsible at County level?

- Children's Officer
 - Designated Liaison Person (DLP)
 - County Executive
 - Coaches
 - Other
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If you have selected "Other", please state why

- FLO's
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Further action required/extra information

- County Executive to communicate obligations under the safeguarding policy and strict adherence to the rules & regulations to coaches & mentors Item agenda at monthly County Board & management team reviews Take disciplinary action where necessary using Code of Behaviour guidelines / procedures All new coaches / mentors to complete SG1 and be familiar with the association's safeguarding undertakings & the county Child Safeguarding Statement and hold a session with their respective team.

7.2 HARM CAUSED BY; CHILD TO CHILD, COACH TO CHILD, VOLUNTEER TO CHILD, MEMBER TO CHILD, VISITOR TO CHILD, ADULT TO CHILD

Risk

- Low

Reference to Policy, Guidance and Procedure

- Section 3 Code of Behaviour
- Section 7 Complaints Procedure
- Section 6. Safe Management of Activities for Underage
- Section 4. Dealing with & Reporting Allegations or Concerns of Abuse
- Section 9. Anti Bullying Policy
- Child Safeguarding Policy
- Safeguarding 1 Workshop
- Safeguarding 3 (DLP) Workshop

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- *Not answered*

Who is responsible at County level?

- Children's Officer
- Designated Liaison Person (DLP)
- County Executive
- Coaches
- Other

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- FLO's

Further action required/extra information

- CE to communicate obligations under the SG policy and strict adherence to the rules & regulations to coaches & mentors. Item agenda at monthly County Board & management team reviews Take disciplinary action where necessary using Code of Behaviour guidelines / procedures All new coaches / mentors to complete SG1 and be familiar with the association's safeguarding undertakings & the county Child Safeguarding Statement and hold a session with their respective team.

7.3 GENERAL BEHAVIOURAL ISSUES – VETTING OF STAFF/VOLUNTEERS AND DEALING WITH POOR PRACTICE (E.G. COACHING). OTHER INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOURS OF PARENTS /GUARDIANS, VOLUNTEERS, CHILDREN, AND YOUNG PEOPLE)

Risk

- Low

Reference to Policy, Guidance and Procedure

- Section 3 Code of Behaviour
- Section 7 Complaints Procedure
- Section 9. Anti Bullying Policy
- Child Safeguarding Policy
- Other

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- Vetting Policy

Who is responsible at County level?

- Children's Officer
- County Executive
- Coaches
- Other

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- FLO's

Further action required/extra information

- Take disciplinary action where necessary using Code of Behaviour guidelines / procedures throughout the process

7.4 RISK OF ABUSE THROUGH ONLINE HARM, SOCIAL MEDIA AND INAPPROPRIATE PHOTOGRAPHY

Risk

- Medium

Reference to Policy, Guidance and Procedure

- Section 3 Code of Behaviour
- Section 4. Dealing with & Reporting Allegations or Concerns of Abuse
- Child Safeguarding Policy
- Safeguarding 1 Workshop
- GAA Social Media Guidelines

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- *Not answered*

Who is responsible at County level?

- Children's Officer
- County Executive
- Coaches
- Other

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- FLO's

Further action required/extra information

- Enforce policy as required and review on an ongoing basis. Use of mobile phone in dressing rooms is prohibited and this is to be communicated to all teams prior to the start of the season County Photographers who have been approved are only to be used at games

7.5 BULLYING ISSUES - ANTI BULLYING STATEMENT ON DISPLAY

Risk

- Medium

Reference to Policy, Guidance and Procedure

- Section 3 Code of Behaviour
- Section 4. Dealing with & Reporting Allegations or Concerns of Abuse
- Section 9. Anti Bullying Policy
- Child Safeguarding Policy
- Safeguarding 1 Workshop
- Other

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- o COB - Dealing with Breaches of the Code of Behaviour o COB - Dealing with allegations or Concerns of Abuse o Child Safeguarding 1 o Tackling Bulling in our Club / County

Who is responsible at County level?

- Children's Officer
- Designated Liaison Person (DLP)
- County Executive
- Coaches
- Other

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- FLO's

Further action required/extra information

- Relevant policy / procedure guides to be displayed on Louth LGFA website Enforce policy as required and review on an ongoing basis. Where a situation does arise coach / FLO should hold a session with the team and remind them of their responsibilities under the code of behaviour Issue to be reported to the children's officer and dealt with through the appropriate channels of engagement and in line with relevant policies / procedures

7.6 OTHER RISKS OF HARM THAT MAY BE RELEVANT TO WHERE THE COUNTY IS SITUATED OR TO NUMBERS OR UNDERAGE PLAYERS OR TO SPECIFIC OR SPECIAL NEEDS OF UNDERAGE PLAYERS OR TEAMS

Risk

- Low

Reference to Policy, Guidance and Procedure

- Section 3 Code of Behaviour
- Section 5 Recruitment & Selection
- Child Safeguarding Policy
- Safeguarding 1 Workshop
- Safeguarding 2 (CCO) Workshop
- Coach Education Policy
- Other

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- o COB - Maintaining Good Practice and Behaviour o COB - Dealing with Breaches of the Code of Behaviour

Who is responsible at County level?

- Children's Officer
- County Executive
- Coaching Officer
- Coaches
- Other

If you have selected "Other", please state why

- FLO's

Further action required/extra information

- Refer to policies & procedures as and when required for guidance

Section 8. Risk Assessment Management Audit

8.1 RISK ASSESSMENT MANAGEMENT AUDIT

8.1.1. Has your County appointed a 3-person County Child Safeguarding Hearings Committee whose role it is to hear alleged breaches of the Policy as referred to them?

- Yes

8.1.2. How many new* coaches were recruited by the County in 2024 to work at underage level? (*not previously involved in the County as a coach)

- 9

8.1.5. In 2024, what were the top three issues that were brought to the attention of your County Children’s Officer or your relevant County Committee?

- Alleged breached by coaches (underage)
- Alleged breached by parents or supporters
- Complaints by parents over lack of playing time for their children

8.1.6. If you selected complaints by parents over lack of playing time for their children what was the playing level?

- Under 14
- Under 15
- Under 16

[End of Summary]