



Cork Climbing Club

Child Safeguarding Statement

Section 1 – Cork Climbing Club Information

Cork Climbing Club is a non-profit organisation and member of Mountaineering Ireland offering the sport of rock climbing in Cork, Ireland and abroad. It provides various, activities and opportunities for adults primarily, but also for young people taking part in the Get Climbing Cork Initiative.

Cork Climbing Club details:

- Name: Cork Climbing Club
- Sport: Rock Climbing
- Location: Cork city
- Size: 60 members
- Activities: Training, indoor and outdoor climbing and bouldering, rock climbing trips

Section 2 - Principles to safeguard children from harm

Cork Climbing Club is committed to safeguarding children and by working under the guidance of Mountaineering Ireland Safeguarding Policies, our staff, both volunteers and employed working with our young people, seek to create a safe environment for young people to grow and develop within sport. The following set of principles are adhered to:

- **Importance of childhood** - The importance of childhood is understood and valued by everyone involved in our sport.
- **Needs of the child** - All children's sport experiences is guided by what is best for children. This means that adults have a basic understanding of the emotional, physical and personal needs of young people.
- **Integrity in relationships** - Adults interacting with children in sport are in a position of trust and influence. They should always ensure that children are treated with integrity and respect, and the self-esteem of young people is enhanced.
- **Fair Play** - All children's sport should be conducted in an atmosphere of fair play. The principles of fair play should always be emphasised, and organisers should give clear guidelines regarding acceptable standards of behaviour.
- **Quality atmosphere & ethos** - Children's sport should be conducted in a safe, positive and encouraging atmosphere.
- **Competition** - Competition can become an element of climbing and is encouraged in an age appropriate manner. A child centred ethos will help to ensure that competition and specialisation are kept in their appropriate place.
- **Equality** - All children are valued and treated in an equitable and fair manner regardless of ability, age, gender, religion, social and ethnic background or political persuasion.

Section 3 - Risk Assessment

Cork Climbing Club's written Risk Assessment document indicates the areas of potential risk of harm, the likelihood of the risk occurring, and gives the required policy, guidance or process documents required to alleviate these risks. The list of risks identified and procedures to manage these risks are contained in the following categories:

Potential Identified	Risk	Procedure in place to manage risk identified	Likelihood of harm happening L-M-H	Responsibility Club/Region/National	Further action require
Club and Coaching Practices	— Lack of coaching qualification.	Coach education policy/Recruitment policy.	M	NGB/Club & contracted instructors	Ongoing review
	— Supervision issues.	Supervision policy/Coach education policy.	M	Club & contracted instructors/ Group leaders	Ongoing review
	— Unauthorised photography & recording activities.	Photography & Use of Images policy/ Signed consent forms/Codes of conduct	M	Club & contracted instructors/Group leaders	Ongoing review
	— Behavioural Issues.	Code of Conduct / Safeguarding level 1 (minimum)/ Complaints & Disciplinary policy.	M	Club & contracted instructors/ Group leaders	Ongoing review
	— Lack of gender balance amongst coaches	Diversity Policy / Supervision policy.	M	NGB/Club	Ongoing review