



Appendix 10

GLOSSARY

Administrators: While administrators may not be actively involved in children's sport, they may be involved in organising activities and events.

Age of Consent: The Sexual Offences (NI) Order 2008 became operational on 2 February 2009. This legislation effectively brought Northern Ireland into line with the rest of the UK in terms of the Law relating to when young people are deemed to be able to consent to sexual activity. Specifically, the age of consent has been reduced from 17 years to 16 years old. It has also introduced new offences of sexual abuse against children under the age of 13. In the Republic of Ireland under the Criminal Law (Sexual Offences) Act 2006 the age of consent is 17 years.

AIBA: Amateur International Boxing Association

Assistants: Assistants are those people who provide back-up to any of the roles outlined in this section and often such assistants are involved on an intermittent basis (e.g. provision of lifts to matches or competitions; checking equipment, etc.).

Bullying behaviour: Bullying behaviour is repeated aggression be it verbal (e.g. threats, name calling, discriminatory remarks), emotional (e.g. isolating, ignoring, intimidation) or physical (e.g. fighting, property damage, spitting) which is conducted by an individual or group against others. It is behaviour, which is intentionally aggravating and intimidating which can cause considerable distress to children and can seriously affect their health and development. Bullying behaviour is no longer confined to sports clubs, streets or schools the ever-increasing capabilities of mobile phones and social media has led cyber bullying (online bullying; Instagram, snapchat, etc). While often not as visible as other forms of bullying behaviour, cyber bullying is every bit as damaging to the person receiving it and is extremely common amongst children today.

Child: For the purpose of this guidance a child is any person under 18 years of age unless they are or have been married (Child Care Act 1991 and Children (NI) Order 1995).

Child Abuse

- **Physical:** Physical abuse is when someone deliberately hurts a child physically or puts them at risk of being physically hurt. It may occur as a single incident or as a pattern of incidents. A reasonable concern exists where the child's health and/ or development is, may be, or has been damaged as a result of suspected physical abuse.



- **Neglect:** Child neglect is the most frequently reported category of abuse, both in Ireland and internationally. Ongoing chronic neglect is recognised as being extremely harmful to the development and well-being of the child and may have serious long-term negative consequences. Neglect occurs when a child does not receive adequate care or supervision to the extent that the child is harmed physically or developmentally. It is generally defined in terms of an omission of care, where a child's health, development or welfare is impaired by being deprived of food, clothing, warmth, hygiene, medical care, intellectual stimulation or supervision and safety.
- **Sexual:** Sexual Abuse: Sexual abuse occurs when a child is used by another person for his or her gratification or arousal, or for that of others. It includes the child being involved in sexual acts (masturbation, fondling, oral or penetrative sex) or exposing the child to sexual activity directly or through pornography.
- **Emotional:** Emotional abuse is the systematic emotional or psychological ill-treatment of a child as part of the overall relationship between a caregiver and a child. Once-off and occasional difficulties between a parent/carer and child are not considered emotional abuse. Abuse occurs when a child's basic need for attention, affection, approval, consistency and security are not met, due to incapacity or indifference from their parent or caregiver.
- **Exploitation:** Exploitation is the intentional ill-treatment, manipulation or abuse of power and control over a child or young person; to take selfish or unfair advantage of a child or young person or situation, for personal gain. It may manifest itself in many forms such as child labour, slavery, servitude, engagement in criminal activity, begging, benefit or other financial fraud or child trafficking. It extends to the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or receipt of children for the purpose of exploitation. Exploitation can be sexual in nature. *(this is an official definition of abuse in NI only under CTSCYP 2017)*

NB: If you require further information on any of the categories of abuse listed above please consult Children First Guidance directly via the following link: [https://www.tusla.ie/uploads/content/Children First National Guidance 2017.pdf](https://www.tusla.ie/uploads/content/Children%20First%20National%20Guidance%202017.pdf) or [Co-operating to Safeguarding Children and Young People 2017](https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/publications/co-operating-to-safeguarding-children-and-young-people-northern-ireland) <https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/publications/co-operating-to-safeguard-children-and-young-people-northern-ireland>

Club Children's Officers (CCO)/ Club Child Protection Officers (CPO): Children's Officers are appointed within clubs to act as a resource for children and to represent them at committee level.



Club/Organisation Officers: President, Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and Committee members are appointed to oversee club activities and the development of the club/organisation.

Coach/Trainer: A coach is a person who assists a young participant to develop his or her skills and abilities in a progressive way.

Designated Liaison Person (DLP): A person who is responsible for reporting allegations or suspicions of child abuse and welfare issues to the Statutory Authorities. This person will be a resource to anyone in the organisation/club who has a child protection/welfare concern. *It should be noted that the IABA has amalgamated the roles of Child Protection Officer and Designated Liaison Person. This means the all club CPO's are automatically recognised as the clubs DLP. Clubs who wish to name separate persons in these roles can do so but must inform all club members of this change and of the persons named in these roles.*

EUBC: European Union Boxing Confederation

IABA: Irish Athletic Boxing Association

Instructor/Teacher: Instructors are involved in the systematic development of the core skills and abilities of an activity, sometimes in a non-competitive context.

Manager: A manager is an individual who takes overall responsibility for a team or a group of sports people and who may often have a direct input into the nature and organisation of the activity itself.

Mandated Person: The mandated person is a person named under schedule 2 of Children First Act 2015 (ROI). They have a legal responsibility to report concerns or allegations that reach or exceed the threshold of harm of abuse to the Tusla (refer to NGB/Club for list of mandated persons).

National Children's Officer (NCO)/ National Child Protection Officer: The National Children's Officer should be a member of the executive committee, or have access to the committee and its accompanying documents, to ensure that children's interests are kept on the agenda and influence the decisions of the Governing Body.

NI: Northern Ireland

Official: An official is an individual charged with the responsibility of ensuring that the rules of an activity are adhered to in a formal way. This category includes referees, judges, umpires, etc.

Parent/guardian: For the purpose of this document when referring to parent/guardian the term is used to include parents, legal guardians, and /or carers.



Provider of Relevant Service: As defined in the Children First Act 2015 (ROI), this means, in relation to a relevant service, a person

(a) who provides a relevant service, and (b) who in respect of the provision of such relevant service (i) employs (whether under contract of employment or otherwise) one or more than one other person to undertake any work or activity that constitutes a relevant Service,

(ii) enters into a contract for services with one or more than one other person for the provision by the person of a relevant service, or (iii) permits one or more than one other person (whether or not for commercial or other consideration and whether or not as part of a course of education or training, including an internship scheme) to undertake any work or activity, on behalf of the person, that constitutes a relevant service.

Regulated Activity (NI): Working in a paid or voluntary capacity with children is regulated activity if:

(a) it is one of the activities listed; and

(b) is done “regularly”, with the exception of health care and relevant personal care which is regulated activity even if carried out once; or

(c) it is carried out in a specified place.

Relevant Person: As defined in the Children First Act 2015 (ROI), this means a person who is appointed by a provider of a relevant service to be the first point of contact in respect of the provider’s Child Safeguarding Statement.

Relevant Service: As defined in the Children First Act 2015 (ROI), this means any work or activity specified in Schedule 1 [of that Act].

ROI: Republic of Ireland

Sports Leaders: For the purpose of this guidance all adults involved in children’s sport are referred to as Sports Leaders. All have a role to play in ensuring that procedures as described in this policy are put in place, agreed, followed and reviewed on a regular basis. The principal leadership roles (some of which overlap) include the following:

Statutory Authorities: The authorities who promote the protection and welfare of young people and who have the responsibility for the investigation and/or validation of suspected child abuse, i.e. in the ROI it is Tusla & An Garda Síochána and in NI it is the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) and the Health and Social Care Trusts.

Statutory Authority Guidelines on Child Protection: In the Republic of Ireland - Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children, Department of Health and Children 2017 (ROI). Northern Ireland - Co-operating to Safeguard Children and Young People (NI) 2017.