



IABA Child Safeguarding Statement January 2024

The IABA is the National Governing Body (NGB) for amateur boxing providing opportunities for young people through involvement in amateur boxing and training operating at club, regional, national, and international levels, under the under the IABA Safeguarding Policy. Our organisation believes that the best interests of children and young people attending our sport are paramount. We believe that all children attending our sport environments have the right to be protected, treated with respect, listened to and to have their views taken into consideration in all decisions affecting them. The IABA Child Safeguarding Statement identifies the risks and how these are mitigated. All IABA policies are available on the IABA website.

Identified area of risk of harm to a child:	Policy or Procedure in place to mitigate risk of harm
<u>NGB Programme and Coaching Practices</u> Inappropriate behaviour towards a child Failure to report harm to a child Working in or undertaking unauthorised/unsupervised activities involving a child or children	Codes of Conduct Poor practice and Whistleblowing policy Physical Contact Recognising and Reporting Child Abuse policy Safeguarding Roles including their responsibilities Safeguarding Training Vetting policy
<u>Recruitment risks:</u> Unqualified/untrained persons working with a child Lack of clarity of role recruited to work with a child	Recruitment policy Safeguarding Training Vetting policy
<u>Complaints & Discipline risks:</u> Lack of awareness how to raise issues including poor practice and concerns of harm Failure to raise a concern	Complaints & Disciplinary procedures Communications policy Poor practice and Whistleblowing policy Recognising and Reporting Child Abuse policy
<u>Use of indoor and outdoor facilities</u> Lack of supervision when accessing facilities Visitors or other users of the facility, e.g. facility staff, parents, public, contractors	Codes of Conduct Person on Duty. Coach/athlete ratios. Poor practice and Whistleblowing policy Spectator/Parent/Guardian Behaviour policy Supervision policies
<u>Communications</u> Using social media and/or online or virtual platforms Unauthorised taking or use of images (digital or film)	Codes of Conduct Communications policy Filming & Photography policy including Use of Devices guidance Social Media policy including Virtual Learning Platforms
<u>General Risks of Harm</u> Adult to child harm Child to child harm Travelling with a child or children – single journeys and overnight trips	Anti-bullying Promise and policy Codes of Conduct Inclusion policy Child & Youth Participation Policy Poor practice and Whistleblowing policy Spectator Behaviour policy Travelling policy Well-being and Mental Health policy
<u>Reporting Procedures</u> Failure to report disclosure, allegations, or concerns of harm to a child. Failure to report staff or volunteer causing harm. Failure to identify mandated person.	Internal process for maintaining register of Mandated Persons. Membership Risk Assessment policy includes managing the process where a child is harmed by a member or volunteer Poor practice and Whistleblowing/protected disclosure Policy



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Reporting Procedures (cont.)	Recognising and Reporting Child Abuse policy (mandated & non-mandated reports) IABA Employee Handbook and Contractor contracts includes managing the process where a child is harmed by staff or contractor
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The Child Safeguarding Statement (CSS) is developed in line with requirements under the Children First Act 2015. This CSS, together with our guiding principles are underpinned by Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children, Tusla's Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice, the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and current legislation such as the Children First Act 2015, Child Care Act 1991, Protections for Persons Reporting Child Abuse Act 1998 and the National Vetting Bureau Act 2012. Our guiding principles apply to all paid staff, volunteers, committee/board members and students on work placement within our organisation, who must sign up to and abide by these guiding principles and our child safeguarding procedures.

We will review our guiding principles and child safeguarding procedures every two years or sooner if necessary due to organisational issues or changes in legislation or national policy.

The IABA has an employed National Children's Officer whose role and responsibilities incorporate that of the Mandated Person, the National Designated Liaison Person, and the Relevant Person (for the purposes of this Child Safeguarding Statement). The IABA Mandated Person is Stephen Flynn. Stephen is contactable through stephen@iaba.ie and +35386 0748867

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