



Child Protection Policy Statement.

We at the All Saints GAC aim to promote the participation of children in our facility by creating a culture of safety and fun.

"Children have the right to be protected from all forms of violence; they must be kept safe from harm, and they must be given proper care by those looking after them "

(Article 19; UN Convention on the Rights of the Child)

All children's sport should be conducted in an atmosphere of fair play. Ireland and the UK have adopted and are committed to the European Code of Sports Ethics, which defines fair play as:

"much more than playing within the rules. It incorporates the concepts of friendship, respect for others and always playing within the right spirit. Fair play is defined as a way of thinking, not just a way of behaving. It incorporates issues concerned with the elimination of cheating, gamesmanship, doping, violence (both physical and verbal), exploitation, unequal opportunities, excessive commercialism and corruption."

(European Sports Charter and Code of Ethics, Council of Europe, 1993)

The Children (Northern Ireland) Order (1995) is based on a clear and consistent set of principles designed with the common aim of promoting the welfare of children.

Children have the right to be safe. All coaches should ensure that this fundamental principle takes precedence over all other considerations.

Standards set by the All Saints GAC will be achieved through ensuring the:

- Development of awareness of the issues that lead to children being harmed.
- Safe recruiting procedures for volunteers/coaches
- Provision of training for volunteers/coaches (CNI or National Governing Body Approved Courses)
- Application of codes of behaviour for volunteers /coaches
- Application of codes of behaviour for children / young people
- Application of codes of behaviour for parents



- Application of good and safe working /playing practices
- Establishment of procedures for dealing with / recording of complaints /accidents.
- The facility has procedures relating specifically to bullying, away trips, transport and use of photography
- Identification and maintenance of parental responsibility
- Availability of information
- An induction document for parents, coaches and children will be made available clearly outlining the rights and responsibilities
- Regular review and monitoring of Child Protection procedures by the management committee
- That all children are treated equally

This policy applies to all those involved with the All Saints GAC, coaches, administrators, officials, volunteers, drivers, parents and young people.