

# Child Safeguarding Statement

## Details of Organisation:

Name	<b>Leinster Cricket Umpires &amp; Scorers Association</b>
Location	Primarily the Leinster Region
Number of staff/club members	Zero staff 105 members as of 01/01/2023 made up of 85 active umpires, 15 active scorers and 5 active assessors

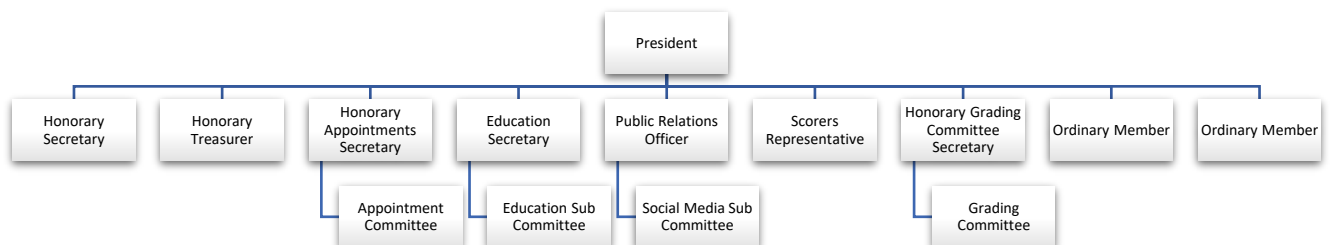
### 1. List the activities

The Association represents Cricket Umpires and Scorers in matches run under the auspices of Cricket Leinster and Cricket Ireland. Activities include:

- Umpiring of Cricket Matches – normally two umpires per game
- Scoring of Cricket Matches – normally two scorers per game
- Assessment of Umpire Performance
- Training & Development of Umpires
- Training & Development of Scorers
- Appointment of Umpires to Cricket matches
- Management of Expenses Payments to Umpires

### 2. Structure of Organisation

The Association is operated on an entirely volunteer basis and is managed by an Executive Committee with the following structure:



### 3. Level of contact with children

Membership of the Association is open to those under the age of 18, who are therefore considered as Children in their own right. Members of the Association could potentially come into contact with children in the following circumstances:

- Appointment with an Umpire Colleague who is a child
- Appointment with a Scorer Colleague who is a child
- Children acting as players in matches being officiated
- Delivery of Training to Umpires or Scorers who are children

### 4. Name of service being provided

To foster and promote participation in the Officiating of the sport of cricket within the community by providing facilities for umpiring & scoring cricket and opportunities for recreation and training.

5. Nature of service and principles to safeguard children from harm

The nature of the service provided is to recruit, train and develop match officials for cricket and to appoint those officials to matches operated under the auspices of Cricket Leinster and Cricket Ireland.

Our Association is fully committed to safeguarding the well-being of its members. Every individual in the Association should at all times show respect and understanding for their rights, safety, and welfare, and conduct themselves in a way that reflects the principles of the Association and the guidelines contained in the Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Children's Sport.

6. Risk assessment

We have carried out an assessment of any potential for harm to a child while availing of our services.

	Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating Actions	Risk Owner
	E-Technology and social media	Low	Low	Any communication with a child should first be sent to their parent(s) and no child should be included in any social media group at any stage	All
	Children as players in Open Competition	Medium	Low	Umpires should be aware of their additional responsibilities to protect children playing in Open Competition at all times	Umpires
	Sharing Changing rooms and showering facilities with a child	High	High	Umpires should arrive in field clothing for matches where their colleague is a child	Umpires
	Training Sessions involving Children	Low	Low	Tutors should ensure that the material and environment is suitable and prevent any situation where a tutor or course participant is in a one-to-one contact situation with a child	Tutors
	Use of photography/video during matches	Medium	Low	Photographs/videos are not to be taken at matches or training without the prior permission of the parent(s) of the child.	Tutors / Assessors
	Physical contact	Low	Low	Physical contact between umpires or scorers should be avoided except in cases of medical emergency	All
	Exchanges / Away appointments	Low	Low	Children should not be appointed to umpire exchanges	Appointments Committee
	Transport	High	High	Umpires or scorers should agree any transport arrangements with the parent(s) of the child and should avoid being in a one-on-one situation at all times	Umpires / Scorers
	Disciplinary procedures, sanctions	Low	Low	Association internal disciplinary procedures should be suitable for a child	Executive Committee
	Bullying	Low	Low		

7. Procedures

Our Child Safeguarding Statement has been developed in line with requirements under the Children First Act 2015, the *Children First: National Guidance*, and Tusla’s *Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice*. In addition to the procedures listed in our risk assessment, the following procedures support our intention to safeguard children:

- Procedure for the management of allegations of abuse or misconduct against workers/volunteers of a child availing of our service
- Procedure for the safe recruitment and selection of workers and volunteers to work with children
- Procedure for provision of and access to child safeguarding training and information, including the identification of the occurrence of harm
- Procedure for the reporting of child protection or welfare concerns to Tusla
- Procedure for maintaining a list of the persons (if any) in the relevant service who are mandated persons
- Procedure for appointing a relevant person

All procedures listed are available upon request.

8. Implementation

We recognise that implementation is an ongoing process. Our service is committed to the implementation of this Child Safeguarding Statement and the procedures that support our intention to keep children safe from harm while availing of our service. This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed every Twenty-Four months or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers.

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