

***(Name of Club)* Child Safeguarding Statement**

Our Club, Diamonds Water Polo Club provides swimming and Water polo opportunities for young people though involvement in our teaching and coaching sessions. Our Club is committed to safeguarding children and operates under the guidance of the Swim Ireland Safeguarding Policy 2019. All staff, both volunteers and employed who work with our young people, seek to create a safe environment for young people to participate in their sport.

The risk assessment of harm contains the following areas of potential risk of harm:

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| **Risk Identified** | **Procedure in place** |
| Club and Coaching Practices | Working with Young People – Roles & Responsibilities  Compliancy – Training  Education programmes |
| Recruitment | Compliancy – Vetting  Working with Young People – Recruitment |
| Complaints & Discipline | Working with Young People – Complaints & Disciplinary |
| Use of Facilities | Working with Young People – Working together |
| Communications; | Working with Young People – Communications  Working with Young People – Code of Conduct |
| General Risk of Harm | Working with Young People – Code of Conduct  Anti-bullying policy |
| Reporting Procedures | Compliancy – Reporting |

The Club Risk Assessment was undertaken on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (date)

This Club’s Child Safeguarding Statement has been developed in line with best practice requirements under Children First: National Guidance (2017) and Co-operating to Safeguard Children and Young People in Northern Ireland (2017).

Our Club operates in line with the Swim Ireland Safeguarding Policy 2019. There are, in addition to our Risk Assessment procedures detailed above, further procedures that support our intention to safeguard children while they are involved with our activities. Additional procedures and policies in the Swim Ireland Safeguarding Policy 2019:

* Procedures in Compliancy Section – including Auditing; Risk Assessments;
* Procedures in Working with Young People Section – including Appointment of Relevant Person (Children’s Officer); Observation requirements; Inclusion; Poor Practice
* Procedures in Swim Ireland Policy Section – including Monitoring Movements; Physical Contact; Photography & Filming; Travelling and Away Trips; Transitioning Athletes

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The implementation of the Swim Ireland Safeguarding Policy 2019 is an ongoing process. Our Club is committed to the implementation of these procedures contained in this Child Safeguarding Statement and our intention to keep children safe from harm while availing of our activities.

This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed every second year following the date of signing; the review will take place between 11th December and 11th March.

Contact details for Club

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Club Chairperson

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name: Karen McCabrey Phone no: 07751315257

Club Children’s Officer

Signed: Date:

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For queries on this Child Safeguarding Statement, please contact the Club Children’s Officer