



DONABATE PORTRANE TENNIS CLUB

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Section 1 – Donabate Portrane Tennis Club information

- Name: Donabate Portrane Tennis Club
- Sport: Tennis
- Location: New Road, Donabate, Co. Dublin. K36 PK7
- Size: 469 members
- Activities: Donabate Portrane Tennis Club provides tennis activities and opportunities for children and young people through participation in parks, clubs, regional, provincial events and with our representative teams. The NGB is committed to safeguarding children and young people. All our affiliated stakeholders work under the guidance and policies of our Safeguarding Code. All our volunteers and staff working with children throughout the organisation, seek to create a safe environment for children and young people to participate in Tennis.

Section 2 - Principles to safeguard children from harm

Donabate Portrane Tennis Club is committed to safeguarding children and by working under the guidance of our NGB Safeguarding Policies our staff both volunteers and employed, working with our young people, throughout the organisation, seek to create a safe environment for young people to grow and develop within sport. The following set of principles should be adhered to:

- Importance of childhood - The importance of childhood should be understood and valued by everyone involved in tennis.
- Needs of the child - All children's sport experiences should be guided by what is best for children. This means that adults should have a basic understanding of the emotional, physical and personal needs of young people.
- Integrity in relationships - Adults interacting with children in tennis are in a position of trust and influence. They should always ensure that children are treated with integrity and respect, and the self-esteem of young people is enhanced.
- Fair Play - All children's sport should be conducted in an atmosphere of fair play. The principles of fair play should always be emphasised, and organisers should give clear guidelines regarding acceptable standards of behaviour.
- Quality atmosphere & ethos - Children's sport should be conducted in a safe, positive and encouraging atmosphere.
- Competition - Competition is an essential element of tennis and should be encouraged in an age and level appropriate manner. A child centred ethos will help to ensure that competition and specialisation are kept in their appropriate place.
- Equality - All children should be valued and treated in an equitable and fair manner regardless of ability, age, gender, religion, social and ethnic background or political persuasion

Section 3 - Risk Assessment

Donabate Portrane Tennis Club's Safeguarding Risk Assessment document indicates the areas of potential risk of harm, the likelihood of the risk occurring, and gives the required policy, guidance or process documents required to alleviate these risks. The list of risks identified and procedures to manage these risks are contained in the following categories: Club and Coaching Practices, Complaints and Discipline, Reporting Procedures, Use of Facilities, Recruitment, Communication, and General Risk of Harm.

Section 4 – 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 and Gateway Northern Ireland). In addition to our Risk Assessment document described above, there are further procedures that support our intention to safeguard children while they are availing of our activities.

Donabate Portrane Tennis Club has the following procedures in place as part of our Safeguarding Policies:

- Procedures for the management of allegations of abuse or misconduct by staff or volunteers against a child availing of our activities.
- Procedures for the safe recruitment of staff and volunteers to work with children in our activities.
- Procedures for access to child safeguarding training and information, including the identification of the occurrence of harm.
- Procedure for reporting of child protection or welfare concerns to Statutory Authorities.
- Procedure for maintaining a list of the persons (if any) in the relevant service who are mandated persons.
- Procedure for appointing a relevant person.
- Procedures for managing trips away and hosting children.
- Safeguarding is an agenda item at each monthly meeting of the Donabate Portrane Tennis Club Management Committee. A number of Advisory Updates have been sent out to parents/guardians regarding supervision of Junior members in the club.

Please note that all procedures listed are available on request and on our club website. The Relevant Person for Donabate Portrane Tennis Club is the Club DLP and Chairperson Robert Harrold.

The mandated person for Tennis Ireland is Roger Geraghty, 086 2316478.

Section 5 – Implementation

We recognise that implementation is an ongoing process. Donabate Portrane Tennis Club 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 activities. Please note the following:

- That all staff has been furnished with a copy of this statement.
- This statement is available to parents/guardians, the Agency and members of the public on request.
- This statement will be displayed on the club noticeboard in the cabin beside the courts by Donabate Portrane Tennis Club and will be available on club website.
- This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed on 8/4/26

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