



# Kilkenny Golf Club Child Safeguarding Statement

Kilkenny Golf Club provides various golfing activities and opportunities for young people through participation in club and regional events.

- **Name:** Kilkenny Golf Club
- **Sport:** Golf
- **Location:** Glendine ,Glendine Rd, Kilkenny

**Kilkenny Golf Club** is committed to safeguarding children by working under our Safeguarding Policy. 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 golf by adhering to the following principles:

- **Importance of childhood** - The importance of childhood should be understood and valued by everyone involved in golf.
- **Needs of the child** - All junior golf 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 golf are in a position of trust and influence and must never abuse this position of trust. They should always ensure that children are treated with integrity and respect, and the self-esteem of young people is enhanced.
- **Fair Play** - All junior golf should be conducted in an atmosphere of fair play. Kilkenny Golf Club will promote fair play, respect, ethics, integrity and safety throughout our organisation
- **Quality atmosphere & ethos** - Junior golf should be conducted in a safe, positive and encouraging atmosphere.
- **Competition** - Competition is an essential element of golf and should be encouraged in an age appropriate manner. A balanced approach to competition can make a significant contribution to the development of children, while at the same time providing fun, enjoyment and satisfaction. However competitive demands are often placed on children too early which results in excessive levels of pressure on them. Golf leaders should aim to put the welfare of young people first and competitive standards second.
- **Equality** - All children should be valued and treated in an equitable and fair manner regardless of ability, disability, age, gender, sexual orientation, religion, social and ethnic background or political persuasion

## Risk Assessment

**Kilkenny Golf Club's** written 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:

The Risk Assessment was undertaken on **28<sup>th</sup> March 2025**



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 our Risk Assessment document described above, there are further procedures that support our intention to safeguard children while they are availing of our activities.

Kilkenny Golf Club has the following procedures in place as part of our Safeguarding Policy:

- 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.

**The Club Children's Officers for Kilkenny Golf Club :Anthony Cleere & Susan Olden**

### **Implementation**

We recognise that implementation is an ongoing process. Kilkenny Golf 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 volunteers and staff have been furnished with a copy of this statement.
- This statement is available to parents/guardians, the Agency & members of the public on request.
- This statement is displayed in a prominent place by Kilkenny Golf Club

This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed in 01/04/2027 (every 2 years)

**Joe O'Shea Date: 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

*(Club Children's Officers On behalf of Kilkenny Golf Club*

**Graham Rolfe Date: 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

*(Secretary Manager of Kilkenny Golf Club )*

*For queries on this Child Safeguarding Statement,*

