

Children First Compliance

Volleyball Ireland are delighted to provide supporting documentation and instructions on how our Affiliates and their Clubs can comply with the Children First Act 2015 by March 11th 2018. This is a mandatory process that all organisations providing services to children must complete. The following are the four steps to compliance:

1. REVIEW THE RISK ASSESSMENT DOCUMENT

The risk assessment has been pre-populated for you to review at your club meeting.

Each risk identified must be ranked; High, Medium or Low. The supporting policies and guidance have been indicated for you

Once each risk is ranked, you must consider the factors in place to reduce the risk and any further action you can take to lower it.

You can include other risks of potential harm that are specific to your club

After you review your Risk Assessment, minute it at your meeting and get your Chairperson and Children's Officer to sign and date it.

2. YOUR CHILD SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

When step one is completed review your Child Safeguarding Statement and sign the document.

3. DISPLAY YOUR CHILD SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

As per Section 11 of the Children First Act 2015, you are required to display your Child Safeguarding Statement in a prominent place in your Clubs (notice board, public area, website etc.).

We suggest that you also distribute your signed Child Safeguarding Statement to all parents by mail/email/web or social media on an annual basis. (Perhaps as a part of membership process)

If you do not have a premises or website/social media page to display and distribute your Child Safeguarding Statement, you should display it at your events as a temporary sign or poster.

4. CONFIRMATION OF COMPLIANCE TO VOLLEYBALL IRELAND

Please send a copy of the club's Risk Assessment & Child Safety Statement to nco@volleyballireland.com

It is the responsibility of every Club/Commission to comply with the Children First legislation by completing the above steps. Templates are available on the website.