



Child Safeguarding Statement

Gowran Golf Club is fully committed to safeguarding the wellbeing of juniors. Every individual in golf should at all times, show respect and understanding for all member's rights, safety and welfare and conduct themselves in a way that reflects the principles of Gowran Golf Club and the guidelines contained in the *Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Children's Sport and Gowran Golf Club Safeguarding Policy*.

Gowran Golf Club's first priority is the welfare of juniors and we are committed to providing an environment that will allow participants to perform to the best of their ability, free from neglect, emotional, physical and sexual abuse, bullying and intimidation. All leaders within Gowran Golf Club undergo the necessary Garda Vetting/Access NI checks, sign codes of conduct and complete the appropriate safeguarding training as required by legislation and best practice.

Gowran 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 and procedures required to alleviate these risks.

In addition to our risk assessment document described above, there are further procedures that support our intention to safeguard children whilst they are availing of our activities. Gowran Golf Club has the following procedures in place as part of our Safeguarding Policies:

- A register is in place where every junior and juvenile must sign in and sign out at the club office/shop when playing golf at any time on the course.
- A Juvenile member, 8-12 years, must always be accompanied by a primary care adult at all times when playing golf on the course.
- 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

For further information in relation to safeguarding juniors or if you have a concern please contact our Club Children's Officer/Designated Liaison Person person(s) below. If you feel that a junior is in immediate danger contact Tusla/Gateway NI or An Garda Síochána/PSNI

Designated Liaison Person and Club Children's Officer:

Mr Domnic Bolger – Tel: 087 252 7098, E: djbolger61@gmail.com

This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed by 11th March 2020

Signed:

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