

# Child Safeguarding Statement

## Section 1 –Tenpin Ireland

Tenpin Ireland provides various sporting activities and opportunities for young people through participation, regional/provincial events and through our national teams.

NGB:

- **Name:** Tenpin Ireland
- **Sport:** Tenpin Bowling
- **Location:** Irish Sports HQ (NGB Building), National Sports Campus, Abbotstown, Dublin 15
- **Size:** 246 Members
- **Activities:** National & International Tenpin Bowling competitions covering all age categories (Bantams, Juniors, Seniors etc.). Tenpin Bowling coaching and events to promote the sport.

## Section 2 - Principles to safeguard children from harm

Tenpin Ireland is committed to safeguarding children and by working under the guidance of our NGB Safeguarding Policies. Our volunteers 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 sport.
- **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 sport are in a position of trust and influence. They should always ensure that children are treated with integrity and respect, and that the self-esteem of young people is enhanced.
- **Fair Play** - All children's sports 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 sport and should be encouraged in an age-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

This Tenpin Ireland'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:

Risk Identified	Procedure in place to manage risk identified
<b>Coaching Practices</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Lack of coaching qualification.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Supervision issues.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Unauthorised photography &amp; recording activities.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Behavioural Issues.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Lack of gender balance amongst coaches</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> No guidance for travelling &amp; away trips</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Lack of adherence with misc procedures in Safeguarding policy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Coach education policy/Recruitment policy.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Supervision policy/Coach education policy</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Photography &amp; Use of Images policy (incorporated in Code of Ethics)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Code of Conduct / Safeguarding 1 / Complaints &amp; Disciplinary policy.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Coach education policy / Supervision policy.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Travel/Away trip policy / Child Safeguarding Training.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Safeguarding Policy / Complaints &amp; disciplinary policy</li> </ul>

<p><b>Complaints &amp; Discipline</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Lack of awareness of a Complaints &amp; Disciplinary policy.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty in raising an issue by child &amp; or parent</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Complaints not being dealt with seriously</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Complaints &amp; Disciplinary procedure/policy / Communications procedure.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Complaints &amp; Disciplinary procedure/policy / Communications procedure.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Complaints &amp; Disciplinary procedure/policy.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Reporting Procedures</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Lack of knowledge of organisational &amp; statutory reporting procedures</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> No DLP appointed.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Concerns of abuse or harm not reported.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Not clear who YP should talk to or report to.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Reporting procedures/policy / Coach Education policy / Code of Conduct/Behaviour.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Reporting procedures/policy.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Reporting procedures/policy / Child Safeguarding Training – Level 1</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Post the names of Child Protection Officer.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Use of Facilities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable as Tenpin Ireland has no facilities.</li> </ul>	

<p><b>Recruitment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Recruitment of inappropriate people.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Lack of clarity on roles.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Unqualified or untrained people in role.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Recruitment policy / Garda Vetting</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Recruitment policy.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Recruitment policy / Child Safeguarding Training – Level 1</li> </ul>
<p><b>Communications</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Lack of awareness of ‘risk of harm’ with members and visitors.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> No communication of Child Safeguarding Statement of Code of Behaviour to members of visitors.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Unauthorised photography &amp; recording of activities.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Child Safeguarding Statement / Training Policy.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Child Safeguarding Statement (display) / Code of Behaviour (distribute).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Photography &amp; Use of Images policy (incorporated in Code of Ethics)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Communications (contd)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Inappropriate use of social media &amp; communications by under 18’s</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Inappropriate use of social media &amp; communications with under 18’s.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Social Media policy / Code of conduct</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Social Media policy / Code of conduct</li> </ul>

<p><b>General Risk of Harm</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Harm not being recognised.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Harm caused by: Child to Child. Coach to Child. Volunteer to Child. Member to Child. Visitor to Child.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> General behavioural issues.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Issues of Bullying.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Vetting of volunteers.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Issues of Online Safety</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Safeguarding policy / Child Safeguarding Training.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Safeguarding policy / Child Safeguarding Training.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Code of Conduct.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Anti-Bullying policy.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Recruitment policy / Garda Vetting</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Social Media / Online Safety policy.</p>
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The Risk Assessment was undertaken on July 17<sup>th</sup> 2025.

## 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). 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.

The Tenpin Ireland has the following procedures in place as part of our Safeguarding Policies:

- Procedures for the management of allegations of abuse or misconduct by volunteers against a child availing of our activities.
- Procedures for the safe recruitment of 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.

The Mandated/Relevant Person for Tenpin Ireland is Chelsea McCarthy.

## Section 5 – Implementation

We recognise that implementation is an ongoing process. Tenpin Ireland 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 have been furnished with a copy of this statement.
- This statement is available to parents/guardians and members of the public on request.
- This statement will be displayed in a prominent place by Tenpin Ireland.

This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed on March 1<sup>st</sup> 2026

Signed: *C Mc Carthy*

Date: 17/07/2025

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