



Luttrellstown Castle Golf Club

Child Safeguarding Statement

Luttrellstown Castle Golf Club provides sporting activities and opportunities for children and young people through participation in club, regional and national golf events and training activities.

- **Name:** Luttrellstown Castle Golf Club
- **Sport:** Golf
- **Location:** Castleknock, Dublin 15, D15 RH92, Ireland

Our Commitment to Safeguarding Children

Luttrellstown Castle Golf Club is committed to safeguarding children by working under our Safeguarding Policy. Our staff, both volunteers and employees, 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. Luttrellstown Castle Golf Club will promote fair play, respect, ethics, integrity and safety throughout our organisation.

Quality atmosphere & ethos - Junior golf is delivered in a safe, positive and encouraging environment.

Competition – Competition is an essential element of golf and is encouraged in an age-appropriate manner. A balanced approach to competition can make a significant contribution to the development of children, while providing fun, enjoyment and satisfaction. However competitive demands are often placed on children too early which results in excessive levels of pressure on them. The welfare of young people is always prioritised over competitive outcomes.

Equality - All children are 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

Luttrellstown Castle 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:

Luttrellstown Castle Golf and Country Clubs 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.

Safeguarding 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.

Luttrellstown Castle 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.

Relevant Person

In accordance with the Children First Act 2015:

The Relevant Person for this Child Safeguarding Statement is:

Sinead Corley

Children's Officer:

Sinead Corley

(The Relevant Person is the first point of contact in respect of this Child Safeguarding Statement.)

Implementation and Review

We recognise that implementation is an ongoing process. Luttrellstown Castle Golf Club is committed to the effective 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:

- All volunteers and staff have been provided with a copy of this Child Safeguarding Statement.
- This statement is available to parents/guardians, the agency and members of the public on request.
- This statement is displayed in a prominent place by Luttrellstown Castle Golf Club.

This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed every two years, or as soon as practicable after any material change in circumstances that may affect safeguarding.

Date of Adoption: May 2025

Date of Next Review: May 2027