



IFPAC - Protecting Children and Vulnerable Adults Statement

Section 1 – IFPAC Information

The Irish Federation of Pike Angling Clubs (IFPAC) is dedicated to providing various angling opportunities for individuals of all ages, including children and vulnerable adults. These opportunities are extended through our affiliated clubs, regional events, and participation in national teams.

IFPAC Details:

- Name: Irish Federation of Pike Angling Clubs (IFPAC)
- Location: IFPAC Headquarters, Drogheda, Co. Louth
- Activities: Pike Angling, Coarse Angling, Boat Angling, etc.
- Affiliations:
 - Ardee Pike Anglers
 - Athy Anglers Club
 - Bailieborough Angling Club
 - Balbriggan & Skerries Angling Club
 - Ballaghadreen Angling Club
 - Ballinakill Angling Club
 - Ballinamore Pike Anglers
 - Ballyjamesduff & District Angling Club
 - Banner Pike Angling Club
 - Bluebell Community Angling Club
 - Bluebell Fishing Club - Fishing for Fun
 - Borara Angling Club
 - Boyle & District Angling Club
 - Breffni Pike Anglers
 - Camlin & District Anglers
 - Carrigallen Trout Angling Club
 - Cashel Angling Club
 - Castleblaney Angling Club
 - Clonbullogue Angling Club
 - Dee & Glyde Fishing Development
 - Donegal Pass Pikers
 - Drogheda & District Anglers
 - Dromod Rooskey Pike Angling Club
 - Dublin Pike Anglers
 - Duleek Anglers Club



- Dundalk Salmon Anglers Association
- Durrow & Cullohill Parish Anglers Association
- Edenderry & Castlejordan Association
- Edenderry Rod & Gun Club
- Erne Pike Anglers Association
- Fergus Salmon Anglers
- Fly Fishing for Pike Ireland
- Foxford Angling Club
- Glone Lake Angling Club
- Go & Catch, "Lithuanian Club in Ireland"
- Inagh & District Anglers
- Inishfree Angling Club
- Keady & District Angling Club
- Kells Anglers Association
- Kilbecanty Angling Club
- Kilmaley & District Anglers
- Legan Inny Anglers
- Leinster Pike Angling Club
- Limerick & District Anglers Association
- Limerick County
- Lisnalong Pike Angling
- Loch Gowna Anglers Association
- Lough Graney & District Angling Club
- Lough Ree Anglers
- Macroom Pike Anglers
- Mc Nean & District Anglers
- McA Pikers
- Midland Pike Anglers
- Monasterevin & District Anglers Association
- Monday Night Club
- Morris Insulation
- Newbridge & District Pike Angling Association
- Newry Pike Anglers
- North Longford
- O' Casey's Pike Angling Club
- Phoenix Pike Anglers Club
- Portadown Pikers
- Rossin Slane & District Anglers
- Rossmore Coarse Angling Club



- Royal Meath Pike Society
- Templemore & District Anglers
- Terryglass Angling & Conservation Club
- Tulla District & Coarse Angling Association
- Tullamore & District Anglers
- Valley Pikers
- Virginia Pike Angling Club
- Angling Council of Ireland

Section 2 - Principles to Safeguard Children and Vulnerable Adults from Harm

IFPAC is deeply committed to safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. By adhering to our safeguarding policies and guidelines, both volunteers and employed staff, who interact with young people and vulnerable adults, strive to establish a secure environment for their growth and development within the sport of angling. The following guiding principles are fundamental to this commitment:

- **Importance of Childhood and Vulnerability:** Recognising and valuing the importance of childhood and the vulnerability of certain adults is paramount for all involved in the sport.
- **Individual Needs:** All interactions and activities involving children and vulnerable adults should prioritise their individual emotional, physical, and personal needs.
- **Integrity and Respect:** Adults interacting with children and vulnerable adults within the sport hold positions of trust and influence. It is imperative that they always act with integrity and respect, enhancing the self-esteem of those under their care.
- **Fair Play:** All activities should be conducted with fairness and sportsmanship, emphasising the principles of fair play and establishing clear guidelines for acceptable behaviour.
- **Positive Atmosphere:** Angling experiences for children and vulnerable adults should take place within a safe, positive, and encouraging environment.
- **Competition:** While competition is an integral part of the sport, it should be approached in an age-appropriate manner, ensuring that the focus remains on the well-being and development of participants.
- **Equality:** Every child and vulnerable adult deserves to be valued and treated fairly, regardless of their abilities, age, gender, religion, social or ethnic background, or political beliefs. Discrimination in any form is unacceptable within IFPAC.



By upholding these principles and prioritising the safety and well-being of children and vulnerable adults, IFPAC aims to foster a positive and inclusive environment where everyone can enjoy the sport of angling to its fullest potential.

Signed: Fergal Bell

Date April 2024

Chairman.

Irish Federation of Pike Angling Clubs.



Section 3. Risk Assessment

This document from the Irish Federation of Pike Angling Clubs outlines the Risk Assessment pertaining to potential harm, including the likelihood of occurrence, and provides the necessary policies, guidance, or processes to mitigate these risks. The identified risks and corresponding management procedures are categorized as follows:

Risk Identified	Procedure in place to manage risk identified
Club and Coaching Practices	
_ Lack of coaching qualification.	_ Coach education policy/Recruitment policy.
_ Supervision issues.	_ Supervision policy/Coach education policy
_ Unauthorised photography & recording activities	_ Photography & Use of Images policy
_ Behavioural Issues.	_ Code of Conduct / Safeguarding 1 / Complaints & Disciplinary policy.
_ Lack of gender balance amongst coaches	_ Coach education policy / Supervision policy.
_ No guidance for travelling & away trips	_ Travel/Away trip policy / Child Safeguarding Training.
_ Lack of adherence with misc procedures in Safeguarding policy	_ Safeguarding Policy / Complaints & disciplinary policy
Complaints & Discipline	
_ Lack of awareness of a Complaints & Disciplinary policy.	_ Complaints & Disciplinary procedure/policy / Communications procedure.
_ Difficulty in raising an issue by child & or parent	_ Complaints & Disciplinary procedure/policy / Communications procedure.
_ Complaints not being dealt with seriously	_ Complaints & Disciplinary procedure/policy.
Reporting Procedures	
_ Lack of knowledge of organisational & statutory reporting procedures	_ Reporting procedures/policy / Coach Education policy / Code of Conduct/Behaviour.
_ Concerns of abuse or harm not reported.	_ Reporting procedures/policy.
_ Not clear who YP should talk to or report to	_ Reporting procedures/policy.



	_ Reporting procedures/policy / Child Safeguarding Training – Level 1
	_ Post the names of CCO, DLP and Mandated person.

Use of Facilities	
_ Unauthorised access to designated children’s play & practice areas & to changing rooms, showers, toilets etc.	_ Supervision policy / Coach Education.
_ Unauthorised exit from children’s areas.	_ Supervision policy / Coach Education.
_ Photography, filming or recording in prohibited areas.	_ Photography policy and use of devices in private zones.
_ Missing or found child on site.	_ Missing or found child policy.
_ Children sharing facilities with adults e.g. dressing room, showers etc...	_ Safeguarding policy.
Recruitment	
_ Recruitment of inappropriate people.	_ Recruitment policy.
_ Lack of clarity on roles.	_ Recruitment policy.
_ Unqualified or untrained people in role.	_ Recruitment policy.
Communications	
_ Lack of awareness of ‘risk of harm’ with members and visitors.	_ Child Safeguarding Statement / Training Policy.
_ No communication of Child Safeguarding Statement of Code of Behaviour to members of visitors.	_ Child Safeguarding Statement (display) / Code of Behaviour (distribute).
_ Unauthorised photography & recording of activities.	_ Photography & Use of Images policy
_ Inappropriate use of social media & communications by under 18’s	_ Communications policy / Code of conduct
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General Risk of Harm	
_ Harm not being recognised.	_ Safeguarding policy / Child Safeguarding Training.
_ Harm caused by:	_ Safeguarding policy / Child Safeguarding training.
Child to Child.	
Coach to Child.	
Volunteer to Child.	
Member to Child.	
Visitor to Child.	
_ General behavioural issues.	_ Code of Conduct.
_ Issues of Bullying.	_ Anti-Bullying policy.
_ Vetting of staff/volunteers.	_ Recruitment policy / Vetting policy
_ Issues of online safety	_ Social Media/Online Safety Policy
This Risk Assessment was undertaken on:	16/04/2024

Section 4 – Procedures

Our Safeguarding Statement for Children and Vulnerable Adults has been developed to comply with the requirements outlined in the ***Children First Act 2015, including the Children First: National Guidance, Tusla’s Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice, and Gateway NI***. In addition to the aforementioned Risk Assessment document, we have established further procedures to uphold our commitment to safeguarding children and vulnerable adults participating in our activities.

The Irish Federation of Pike Angling Clubs (IFPAC) has implemented the following procedures as part of our Safeguarding Policies:

- Procedures for addressing allegations of abuse or misconduct by staff or volunteers towards children and vulnerable adults participating in our activities.



- Procedures for the safe recruitment of staff and volunteers involved in activities with children and vulnerable adults.
- Procedures for providing access to child safeguarding training and information, as well as identifying instances of harm.

- Procedure for reporting child protection or welfare concerns to the relevant Statutory Authorities.
- Procedure for maintaining a list of mandated persons within our organization.
- Procedure for appointing a relevant person responsible for safeguarding.

Please note that all the listed procedures are available upon request.

The designated Mandated/Relevant Person for IFPAC is Bob Seward.

Section 5 – Implementation

We understand that implementation is an ongoing process. IFPAC is dedicated to implementing this Safeguarding Statement and the accompanying procedures to ensure the safety of children and vulnerable adults participating in our activities.

Key points to note:

- All staff members have been provided with a copy of this statement.
- This statement is accessible to member clubs, parents/guardians, relevant agencies, and the general public upon request.
- A prominent display of this Safeguarding Statement will be maintained by the Irish Federation of Pike Angling Clubs.
- This Safeguarding Statement for Children and Vulnerable Adults will undergo review on 22.01.2025.

Signed: Date: 22.02.23 (On behalf of the IFPAC)

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Chairman IFPAC

For queries on this Child Safeguarding Statement, please contact Bob Seward 085-8436-459.