

Athletics Ireland Summer Camps - Child Safeguarding Policy checklist

- 1) All summer camp volunteers who are not already vetted (in date) by their Athletics Club and all volunteers aged 16 and over must be vetted as per the National Vetting Bureau Act 2012 – 2016 before they start working with children in your camp. Vetting can be accessed through your local Club Children's Officer by Athletics Ireland. Please allow adequate time to complete the vetting process.

For Athletics Ireland Vetting click below or copy to browser:

<http://www.athleticsireland.ie/juvenile/child-welfare/garda-vetting-policy/>

- 2) Safeguarding 1, Basic Awareness in Child Protection training as per the Children First Act 2015 must be completed by all volunteers working with children in your camp. This training can be accessed through your Local Sports Partnership or with Athletics Ireland. Camp supervisors aged 16 and 17 will be required to complete an appropriate safeguarding awareness training as determined by Athletics Ireland.

To locate your Local Sport Partnership finder (LSP) click below or copy to browser:

http://www.sportireland.ie/Participation/Local_Sports_Partnerships/LSP_Contact_Finder/

- 3) Leader to children ratios are set at 2 adults to 16 children for children under the age of twelve (1 in 8) and 2 adults to 20 children for children over the age of twelve (1 in 10) as per our code of ethics.
- 4) Codes of conduct must be agreed with and signed by participants (children and leaders) prior to the start of each camp. These codes can be downloaded from the Athletics Ireland website.

For Athletics Ireland Safeguarding documents click below or copy to browser:

<http://www.athleticsireland.ie/juvenile/child-welfare>

- 5) The camp registration form must include any relevant allergy or medical information about the child. A care plan may consequently be required. This care plan should be provided by a parent /carer if a child attending suffers from an allergy or illness that may require medical attention in the absence of a parent/carers.
- 6) Clearly communicate camp start and finish times to all parents/carers and do not allow any child to be taken from the venue without prior arrangement and permission from a parent/carers.
- 7) All activities must be age appropriate, safe and enjoyable for all the participants.
- 8) If insurance cover is not already in place for your camp, it must be arranged with your broker McMahon Galvin on 01 8363326, speak to Marie Lally or email MarieLally@mcmahongalvin.ie.
- 9) The Athletics Ireland Filming and Photography Policy will apply.
- 10) The Camp Leader will be the Designated Liaison Person.
- 11) The Athletics Ireland Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Children in Athletics will apply for all activity during and related to the summer camp.

For Athletics Ireland Code of Ethics click below or copy to browser:

http://www.athleticsireland.ie/downloads/other/code-of-ethics-for-children_soft.pdf

- 12) All child welfare concerns (reported or not) should be sent to the Athletics Ireland National Children's Officer for support and advice on reporting to statutory authorities if required. kieronstout@athleticsireland.ie / 086 2450134.