



## **Bray Runners Athletics Club**

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### **Bray Runners Athletic Club Child Safeguarding Statement in Accordance with Athletics Ireland Child Safeguarding Statement**

Bray Runners Athletic Club ('the Club') provides sporting activities and opportunities for children and young people through participation in clubs, county, regional events and with the Club's representative teams. The Club is committed to safeguarding children and young people. All the Club's work is under the guidance and policies of the Club's Safeguarding Code. All the Club's volunteers working with children in the Club, seek to create a safe environment for children and young people to participate in athletics.

The Club's Safeguarding Risk Assessment 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 are contained in the following categories: Club and Coaching Practices; Complaints & Disciplinary; Reporting Procedures; Use of Facilities; Recruitment; Communications; and General Risk of Harm.

The Club's 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 the Club's Risk Assessment document described above, there are further procedures that support the Club's intention to safeguard children while they are availing of the Club's services.

The Club has the following procedures in place as part of the Athletics Ireland Safeguarding Code:

- Procedures for the management of allegations of abuse or misconduct by volunteers against a child availing of the Club's activities.
- Procedures for the safe recruitment of volunteers to work with children in the Club's activities.
- Procedures for access to child safeguarding training and information, including the identification of the occurrence of harm.
- Procedure for the reporting of child protection or welfare concerns to the Statutory Authorities.



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The Mandated Person for the Club is Ashling Smith, phone: 087 2930904.

The Club recognises that implementation is an ongoing process. The Club is committed to the implementation of this Child Safeguarding Statement and the procedures that support the Club's intention to keep children safe from harm while availing of the Club's services. This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed every 2 years.

Bray Runners Athletic Club, Bray Head Terrace, Vevay Road, Oldcourt, Bray, County Wicklow.

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**Ashling Smith**, Bray Runners Athletic Club, Chairperson:

Name: Ashling Smith Signed: [Signature] Date: 8/3/2018

**Dermot Brennan**, Bray Runners Athletic Club, Children's Officer:

Name: Dermot Brennan Signed: [Signature] Date: 8th March 2018

For any queries about this Child Safeguarding Statement, please contact the Children's Officer.