



Portrane Hockey Club

Coach Education Policy

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Background

Portrane Hockey Club (PHC) is committed to creating and maintaining the safest possible environment for all young people who wish to participate in our Club. We aspire to ensuring that our coaches/volunteers/parents child protection officer(s), designated liaison person, mandated persons and Board members have the adequate skills, knowledge and confidence to carry out their role in a competent manner.

Children's First Act (2015)

Following the publication by the government of the Children's First Act (2015) Portrane Hockey Club policy is responsible to ensuring that all coaches/volunteers/mandated persons and designated liaison persons have completed relevant courses to support them in their role.

Responsibility of Coaches/Volunteers

In line with the Children's First Act (2015) all coaches/volunteers involved in Portrane Hockey Club working with teams aged 18 and under, both Club and County/Province must complete the following before working with teams with U18 players:

- All coaches must be Garda vetted prior to becoming involved in the club.
- All coaches must have completed Safeguarding Training or HSELand Children's First Training.

Responsibility of Portrane Hockey Club

- Club Children's Officer to liaise with new Coaches/Volunteers and Hockey Ireland to ensure Garda Vetting is completed prior to Coaches/Volunteers becoming involved in PHC.
- Training dates for Safeguarding Training/ HSELand Children's First Training will be circulated to Coaches/Volunteers by Portrane Hockey Club.

Responsibility of Coaches/Volunteers

- It is the Coaches/Volunteers responsibility to liaise with CCO & Hockey Ireland in a prompt manner to ensure Garda Vetting is completed in a timely manner.
- It is the Coaches/Volunteers responsibility to ensure they attend Safe Guarding Training/ HSELand Children's First Training as advertised by PHC.
- It is the Coaches/Volunteers responsibility to forward details of the relevant courses attended to the CCO (including name, date attended & reference number).

Portrane Hockey Club is responsible for ensuring that all Coaches/Volunteers involved in a meaningful way with Under 18 hockey teams must have completed the procedures outlined above. A data base will be maintained by Portrane Hockey Club to include details in relation to Garda Vetting and completion of Safeguarding Training or HSELand Children's First Training.

Details and information related to Children's Act (2015)

Please note: The Children's First Act (2015) can be viewed here:

<http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2015/act/36/enacted/en/pdf>