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SECTION 1

ANTI-BULLYING POLICY

Definition:

Bullying has been recognised and defined as deliberately hurtful behaviour usually repeated over a period of time, where it is difficult for those bullied to defend themselves. It can take many forms, but the three main types are physical (e.g. hitting, kicking, theft), verbal (e.g. racist or sectarian remarks, threats, name-calling) and emotional (e.g. isolating an individual from the activities and social acceptance of his peer group). The damage inflicted by bullying can frequently be underestimated. It can cause considerable distress to children, to the extent that it affects their health and development or, at the extreme, causes them significant harm (including self-harm).

Co-operating to safeguard children Chapter 9.48

Bullying is not an accepted behaviour towards anyone at Fivemiletown United Football Club be they child, coach, volunteer or parent.

Anyone found to be bullying others will be dealt with seriously both in regards to the behaviour exhibited and the reasons for the behaviour.

The possibility of people being bullied should be discussed openly within the Club and all young people and staff informed of both the Clubs' views on bullying and ways in which bullying can be prevented/stopped. It should be emphasised that anyone can be the victim of bullying and that being or feeling bullied is not a sign of weakness and does not make the victim a less valuable person.



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Action to be taken if a child states they are being bullied:

- Child to be given time to say how they are being bullied and reassured they are right to tell.
- Adult/Children's Officer to keep the young person informed of their proposed action and to take into account child's feelings and perspective.
- The child's parents can be informed of your concerns and response.
- Chairperson/Leader of the club to be informed of any incident of bullying so that policies and practices can be reviews on a regular basis.

The Individual

- Respect every child's need for, and rights to, a play environment where safety, security, praise, recognition and opportunity for taking responsibility are available.
- Respect for every individual's feelings and views.
- Recognise that everyone is important and that our differences make each of us special.
- Show appreciation of others by acknowledging individual qualities, contributions and progress.
- Ensure safety by having rules and practices carefully explained and displayed for all to see.

Bullying

- Bullying will not be accepted or condoned. All forms of bullying will be addressed. Bullying can include:
 - Physical pushing, kicking, hitting, pinching, etc.
 - Name calling, sarcasm, spreading rumours, persistent teasing and emotional torment through ridicule, humiliation and the continual ignoring of individuals.
 - Racial taunts, graffiti, gestures, sectarianism.
 - Sexual comments and/or suggestions.
 - Unwanted physical contact.



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- Children from ethnic minorities, disabled children, young people who are gay or lesbian, or those with learning difficulties are more vulnerable to this form of abuse and may well be targeted.
- Everybody has the responsibility to work together to stop bullying – the child, the parent, the coach, the youth worker, the sport's official.
- Appropriate forums should be established within the organisation, including children, parents, youth workers and other agencies, to address, monitor and stop bullying.
- Commitment to the early identification of bullying and prompt, collective action to deal with it.
- Policy and practice should be agreed through consultation with clubs, parents and children.
- Children should be encouraged to take a role in stopping bullying in their community.
- Policy and practice should be reviewed regularly in the light of changing needs and changes adopted by other agencies (e.g. schools).
- Coaches will have access to training on bullying.
- Coaches will have access to appropriately trained staff for support when dealing with bullying.

Support to the Child

- Children should know who will listen to and support them.
- Any advice and assistance should be given by an appropriately trained and experienced worker.
- Children should have access to helpline numbers.
- Children should be told what is being recorded, in what context and why.
- Systems should be established to open the door to children wishing to talk about bullying or any other issue that affects them. Barriers to talking need to be broken down to enable children to approach adults.
- Anyone who reports an incident of bullying will be listened to carefully and be supported, whether the child being bullied or the child who is bullying.
- Any reported incident of bullying will be investigated objectively and will involve listening carefully to all those involved.
- Children being bullied will be supported and assistance given to uphold their right to play and live in a safe environment which allows their healthy development.
- Those who bully will be supported and encouraged to stop bullying.



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- Sanctions involving long periods of isolation, or which diminish and make individuals look or feel foolish in front of others, should be avoided.

Support to the Parents/Guardians

- Parents/Guardians should be advised on local policy and practice about bullying.
- Any incident of bullying will be discussed with the child's parent(s)/guardians.
- Parental/Guardian advice on action will be sought and agreements made as to what action should be taken.
- Information and advice on coping with bullying will be given.
- Support should be offered to the parent(s) including information on other agencies or support lines.

Useful Contacts

- **Childline** 0800 1111 www.childline.org.uk
- **NSPCC Helpline** 0808 800 5000
- www.there4me.com – An online advice service for young people
- **Kidscape** - www.kidscape.org.uk 020 7730 3300
- **Parents Advice Centre** - Parenting Education Project, Parenting Forum NI and The Men's Project - Freephone 0808 8010 722 www.parentsadvicecentre.org
- **NI Anti-Bullying Forum** www.niabf.org.uk



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SAFE RECRUITMENT PROCEDURES FOR FIVEMILETOWN UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

Guidance for this recruitment procedure has been taken from:

- The Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Children's Sport
- Our Duty to Care DHSSPS 2007
- Getting it Right DHSSPS 2005
- Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults (NI) Order
- Irish Football Association Guidelines
- Access NI guidance www.accessni.gov.uk

Fivemiletown United Football Club relies heavily on the time and commitment freely given by volunteers, and without this the opportunities for children and young people to participate in football would not exist. The procedures outlined below will be adopted by Fivemiletown United Football Club for its own purposes and must be followed by clubs for whom The Irish Football Association acts as an umbrella body.

Fivemiletown United Football Club will ensure good recruitment procedures by:

- Defining the role the individual is applying for.
- Insisting that a person applying for any post of responsibility within the club complete the relevant sports application form.
- Obtaining 2 references in writing, (the request for references will only be sought for preferred applicants)
- Ensuring that the individual completes and signs the Access NI Disclosure Certificate Application Form which gives permission to enable Fivemiletown United Football Club to request an Access NI check (proof of identity MUST be provided).
- Setting a probationary period (six months for staff or long-term volunteers).
- Interviewing the individual either formally or informally by two designated members (positions to be identified by the sport).



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- Assessing the individual's experience of working with children or young people and knowledge of safeguarding issues.
- Assessing their commitment to promoting good practice.
- Assessing their ability to communicate with children and young people (i.e. be approachable). One way of doing this is to consult young people or ask questions to examine how a person would respond to a particular scenario e.g. are they authoritarian or too relaxed in their approach.
- Ensuring that the Management committee ratifies appointments.

Information from Access NI will be scrutinised in the first instance by the Case Management Panel appointed by The Irish Football Association. The panel will decide whether a disclosure is relevant or contrary to The Irish Football Association standards, clubs will be advised of decision.

For further detailed information on Access NI please visit www.accessni.gov.uk



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VOLUNTEER APPLICATION FORM FOR THOSE IN REGULATED POSITIONS

Section 1

All information received in this form will be treated confidentially

Name:			
Address:			
Date of Birth:		National Insurance No:	
Telephone No:		Mobile No:	
Previous work experience and relevant qualifications:			
Have you previously been involved in voluntary work? If yes, please give details:	Yes No		
Do you have any spare time hobbies, interests or specific skills that may be useful to the activities?			
Do you agree to abide by Irish Football Association Code of Conduct (a copy should be included with this form)?	Yes No		
Have you completed Safeguarding Awareness Training?	Yes No		



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If yes Organised by:		When:	
Do you agree to undergo specific training on the role of the (position being appointed)		Yes	No
Have you ever been asked to leave a sporting organisation in the past? (if you have answered yes we will contact you in confidence)		Yes	No
Any other relevant information?			
Please supply the names of two responsible people whom we can contact and who from personal knowledge are willing to endorse your application. If you have had a previous involvement in a sports club one of these names should be that of an administrator/leader in your last club/place of involvement.			
Name: Address: Telephone: Designation:		Name: Address: Telephone: Designation:	



Section 2

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DISCLOSURE OF CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS FOR THOSE WORKING IN NORTHERN IRELAND

Please read this information carefully.

Statement of non-discrimination

Fivemiletown United Football Club is committed to equal opportunity for all applicants including those with criminal convictions. Information about criminal convictions is requested to assist the selection process and will be taken into account only when the conviction is considered relevant to the post. Any disclosure will be seen in the context of the job criteria, the nature of the offence and the responsibility for the care of existing clients\customers and employees.

For the purposes of your application for the post of:

It is our policy to ask for an Enhanced check to be carried out by the Access NI. The purpose of the check is to make sure that people are not appointed who might be a risk to vulnerable people.

The check will tell us whether you have a criminal record, or whether any other information about you held on barred lists may have a bearing on your suitability. Any information which we receive will be treated confidentially, and will be discussed with you before we make a final decision. After that decision is made the information returned from Access NI will be destroyed.

Advice to Applicants

Please complete this form as accurately as possible and return it to the person responsible in your club. An arrangement will be made with you to discuss any clarification if required.

Thank you for your co-operation.

You **must** tell us now if you have a case pending or if you have ever been convicted of a criminal offence, or cautioned by the police, or bound over. You **must** include all offences, even minor matters such as motoring offences, and 'spent' convictions, that is,



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things which happened a long time ago. If you leave anything out it may affect your application. The disclosure of a criminal record or other information will not debar you from registration/appointment unless The Irish Football Association considers that the conviction renders you unsuitable. In making this decision the Irish Football Association will consider the nature of the offence, how long ago it was committed and what age you were at the time and other factors which may be relevant.

Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offence or been the subject of a caution; a Bound Over Order; or the subject of an investigation alleging that you were the perpetrator of adult or child abuse?

Yes

No

If so, please state below the nature, date(s) and sentence of the offence(s)

Please provide any other information you feel may be of relevance such as:

- The circumstances of the offence/incident
- A comment on the sentence received
- Any relevant developments in your situation since then
- Whether or not you feel the conviction has relevance to this post

Please continue on a separate page if necessary.

Please note you are advised that under the provisions of the Rehabilitation of Offenders (Exceptions) Order (N.I.) 1979 as amended by the Rehabilitation of Offenders (Exceptions) (Amendment) Order (NI) 1987 you should declare all convictions including 'spent' convictions.



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Declaration

I understand that I must also complete an Access NI Disclosure Certificate Application Form and that this check must be carried out before my application for registration/appointment can be confirmed. This has been explained to me and I am aware that spent convictions may be disclosed. I declare that the information I have given is accurate and I am also aware that The Irish Football Association as the registered/umbrella organisation carrying out the check may, share the information returned with the designated signatory in my club.

I declare that any answers are complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and I will inform the governing body Designated Person/Children's Officer (again it is the responsibility of the Governing Body to decide the position of the person who this information is reported to) **of any future convictions or charges.**

Signature

Date

Print Name



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FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY:	
Applicant Name:	
Date application received:	
Date of interview:	
Interviewed by:	1. 2.
References received and are satisfactory:	Yes No
Access NI check completed and returned (if appropriate):	Yes No
Comments:	
Proof of applicants identification received:	Yes No Group 1 _____ Group 2 _____
Identification type:	
Recommendation Approve Not approved	Reasons:

Signature

Date

Print

Name

Position

in

Organisation



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CONFIDENTIAL

The following person _____ has expressed an interest in working for Fivemiletown United Football Club.

If you are happy to complete this reference, any information will be treated with due confidentiality and in accordance with relevant legislation and guidance. Information will only be shared with the person conducting the assessment of the candidate's suitability for the post, if he/she is offered the position in question. We would appreciate you being extremely candid, open and honest in your evaluation of this person.

1. How long have you know this person?

2. In what capacity?

3. What attributes does this person have that would make them suited to this work?

4. Please rate this person on the following – please tick one box for each statement:

	Poor	Average	Good	V Good	Excellent
Responsibility					
Maturity					
Self-motivation					
Can motivate others					



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Energy					
Trustworthiness					
Reliability					

This post involves substantial access to children. As an organisation committed to the welfare and protection of children, we are anxious to know if you have any reason at all to be concerned about this applicant being in contact with children and young people.

YES

NO

If you have answered **YES** we will contact you in confidence.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Position: _____

Organisation: _____



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Section 3

AWAY DAYS AND RESIDENTIALS

Away Days

Traveling to away fixtures is a regular event for many junior clubs. Trips may vary from short journeys across town to play another local team or involve more complicated arrangements involving overnight stays. But even what may appear as the most straightforward of trips will require some level of planning. The following will outline a number of issues that need to be considered when traveling with children.

Communication with:

- **Children** – they should be aware of the travel plans, venue and time for collection, time of return and any costs. Children should also have a clear understanding of what standard of behaviour is expected of them. Children must know what sports kit they need to bring with them.
- **Parents** – should be made aware of the above and must have completed a consent form detailing any medical issues that the team manager should be aware of. Parents should also have the name and contact details of the team manager in the event of an emergency.
- **Other coaches/volunteers** – need to be made aware of what their responsibilities are in advance of the trip. If the trip is a long journey, it is important that all coaches/volunteers have an itinerary.

Transport

The following are the actions this club expect from those asked to transport young people.

- Ensure the driver has an appropriate and valid driving license.
- Allow an appropriate length of time to complete the journey.
- Consider the impact of traffic and weather conditions.
- If using a mini-bus ensure that all seats are forward facing and they all have seat belts fitted if carrying children. Is the driver experienced in driving a mini-bus?
- Ensure leaders and children wear seat belts.
- Check there is appropriate insurance for the journey.
- Clarify supervision requirements with other leaders. The driver should not be considered as a supervisor during the journey.
- Ensure that the vehicle is road worthy.



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- Ensure that the driver has undertaken an Access NI check.
- Ensure the appropriate booster seats are provided when required.

(A more detailed transport policy is available from the Child Protection in Sport Unit).

Ratio

The club when planning and running sports activities for children and young people will consider providing an appropriate staffing/supervision ratio of adults to participants. This will minimise any risks to participants and enhance the benefits they draw from the activity.

There are a number of **key principles** that we will consider as good practice:

- Ensure the driver has an appropriate and valid driving license.
- Allow an appropriate length of time to complete the journey.
- Age of children
- Additional supervision/support needs of some or all participants (for example due to disability)
- Competence/experience of participants for the specific activity
- Nature of activity (for example climbing or swimming sessions may require higher levels of supervision than an aerobics class)
- Nature of venue (whether closed and exclusive, or open and accessible to members of the public)

(Dependent on the sport the ratio of adult to child may vary but what ever is considered appropriate would generally need to be increased when traveling away from home. Contact your NGB for further information)

Insurance

In addition to the mini-bus/car insurance, the team manager needs to ensure that the clubs general insurance covers travel to away events.

Emergencies

Ensure that the vehicle has breakdown and recovery cover. At least one of the leaders should be trained in first aid procedures and a first aid kit should be available.

The leader should have access to a mobile phone and contact details for all the children.

The above are only basic points of advice and are not comprehensive guidelines. For more detailed guidelines see Safe Sport Away.



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Hosting

Being a host family or being hosted is an integral part of many sports and, if handled appropriately, can add to a child's enjoyment and experience at a competition. The whole area of hosting though can create a great deal of concern for parents, children and the hosts. It is in response to these concerns that we have drawn up the following guidelines.

Being a host can be a particularly challenging role, but also very rewarding. A host should be provided with as much information about the child/children staying with them and details of the competition. They in turn should agree to provide references and be vetted when this is available. With the introduction of the Criminal Records Bureau, Disclosure Scotland, Access NI, and Garda Vetting* access to vetting for sports clubs organising events within England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland or Republic of Ireland should be achievable.

When arranging for events/trips abroad, the club is dependent on the ability of the host organisation to access vetting services and obtain appropriate references. It is still the responsibility of the trip organiser to provide the hosts with the relevant information on the child and details of what is expected.

(For the club more detailed information on taking children away on a residential, please refer to **Safe Sport Away** - a guide to good planning, and **Safe Sports Events**, which are available from the Child Protection in Sport Unit or the Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Children's Sport.)

* Garda vetting is available to a number of sports organisations in the Republic of Ireland.

CHILD/YOUTH MEMBER	
Right To	Responsibility
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be safe • Have any concerns listened to • Be respected by their coach and host family • Have easy access to phone contact with the trip organiser • Have a list of events (itinerary) • Regular group meetings with other young people • Have their religious needs facilitated 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show respect to their host families • Show respect to other youth members and their leaders • Keeping themselves safe • Reporting inappropriate behaviour or risky situations • Attending any prior planning meeting to ensure they are fully informed of the plans • Maintain the sport's reputation by



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have prior knowledge of the climatic variation to enable them to bring adequate clothing • Be made aware of the codes required for phoning home • Maps of the local area • Have the currency of the country they are visiting explained to them • Be made aware of collection and drop off arrangements 	<p>adhering to their Code of Conduct</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussing their dietary needs with the host family (though it is the parent's/organiser's responsibility to ensure this information is passed on in advance) • Maintain the accommodation to the standard set by the family • Be aware that they are acting as an ambassador for their sport and on occasions their country • Dependent on arrangements with parents, manage their own money
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COACH/MANAGER	
Right To:	Responsibility
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have support form their governing body if reporting any concerns about the arrangements • Be protected from abuse by children/youths, other adults, members or parents involved in the trip • Not be left vulnerable when working with children • Receive the relevant information from parents/guardians in advance of the trip i.e. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dietary needs ○ Any personal care needs ○ Emergency contact numbers ○ Signed medial consent form/permission form ○ List of any medication/allergies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To plan well in advance of the trip • Check governing body guidelines • Gather information on destination and venue (if possible carry out a risk assessment) • Facilitate information meetings prior to the trip for parents and children • Maintain confidentiality about sensitive information • Be a role-model during the trip (disciplined/committed/time keeping) • Fostering team work to ensure the safety of youth members in their care • Respond to children/youth members' statements and concerns • Record any complaints or accidents on relevant documentation



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ EHC European Health Insurance Card (replacement for E111) form completed www.dh.gov.uk/PolicyAndGuidance/HealthAdviceForTravellers/fs/en (EU visits) • Be respected by the children in preparation for and during the trip • To have any personal "out of pocket" expenses reimbursed • To be able to apply sanctions in line with the governing body guidelines and discussed prior to the trip • To have time off i.e. that another adult is the point of contact for an emergency rather than one individual all the time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide the children, parents and host with an itinerary of events • Have clear arrangements for collecting and transporting children during the trip • Ensure that if a young person has to share a room that it is with someone of the same sex and that they are aware of who this is in advance • Check adequate insurance cover is arranged • Ensure they have received the relevant documentation from the child's parents/guardians • To inform parents and children of standards of behaviour required and possible sanctions • To ensure that there is an appropriate adult/child ratio • To submit a report to club or governing body after the trip • Make parents and children aware of photographic policy and obtain parent's signature (or include on permission form)
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PARENTS/GUARDIANS	
Right To:	Responsibility
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Know their child is safe • Be informed of any problems or concerns relating to their children • Be informed if their child is injured • Have their consent sought prior to the trip • Contribute to the decisions in planning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be aware of the Code of Conduct for children, coaches and hosts • To agree sanctions with the coach and child prior to the trip • Ensure the child has appropriate spending money • To pay for relevant costs prior to their



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<p>the trip (when appropriate)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have knowledge of where their child is staying and with whom • Have a contact number for their child's hosts and trip organiser • Have a detailed itinerary of events that their child will be taking part in 	<p>child going on the trip</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide the coach with all relevant documents and emergency contact number • Ensure the child has a passport (if required) prior to the trip • Provide appropriate clothing to meet the needs of the child while away from home • Drop off and collect their child at agreed time • Encourage their child to play by the rules
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HOSTS	
Right To:	Responsibility
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be treated with respect by the children, coaches and parents • To have prior knowledge of any special requirements e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Medical ○ Food ○ Religious ○ Transport ○ Mobility • To have telephone contacts, lists of parents and coaches in the event of an emergency • To be financially reimbursed for any expenses (when agreed) • To be informed of competition details • To have clearly defined roles prior to 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To have agreed to a Code of Conduct • To consent to checks/references being sought into the appropriateness of them being hosts • To provide a safe and supportive environment for the children while they are hosting them • To attend host family meeting prior to and during the competition if arranged • To provide the child with a positive experience of staying away from home and possibly a different culture



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the event

- To be consulted about any change



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SECTION 4

HEALTH AND SAFETY PROCEDURES

First Aid Arrangements

The Fivemiletown United Football Club will endeavour to provide first aid treatment for injury, accidents and cases of ill health during coaching sessions or at competitions. This will comprise of suitably trained First Aid person and appropriate equipment and facilities.

- CLUB Manager will seek volunteer who are willing to train as a qualified 'first-aider' or 'appointed person' for each Fivemiletown United Football Club property. Where this is not possible, other local arrangements will need to be identified and organised by the local club. Recommended quota of first aid persons against the number of members on the premises is:

Under 25	= 1 x appointed person
25 – 49	= 2 x appointed persons
50 – 99	= 1 x first aider and 1 x appointed person
Over 100	= A first aider at a ratio of 1-50
- Where only one first aider (or appointed person) is required another must be made available to provide cover during holiday periods and unforeseen absences.
- The names and contact details of the first-aiders must be notified to all members at a Fivemiletown United Football Club location. Details should be displayed at prominent locations
- The role of the 'appointed person' is to take charge of an emergency situation until trained assistance can be called. Where possible appointed persons should be given emergency first aid training (Advice from Sport Northern Ireland on approved courses) which last approx. One day and briefly covers:
 - (1) What to do in an emergency;
 - (2) Cardio-pulmonary resuscitation;
 - (3) First aid for the unconscious casualty; and
 - (4) First Aid for the wounded or bleeding.



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- The first-aiders must all be trained by an approved body such as St. John's Ambulance Brigade or the British Red Cross. Copies of the certificates must be retained by the appropriate club manager.
- The certificates are valid for three years and arrangements must be made for first-aiders to receive refresher training before the current certificate expires.
- First-aiders **are not authorised** to administer any forms of medication. Any members reporting to the first-aider that they require such treatment must be referred to their own doctor.
- The name of our First Aid person is: Gary Noble
- All first aid boxes must have a white cross on a green background. Similarly, first aid facility/room should be easily identifiable by white lettering or a white cross on a green background.
- The First Aid signs should be placed where they can be seen (not obstructed from view) and easily identified.
- First-aiders will have access to fully stocked first-aid boxes. These are to contain (the following is only guidance and each organisation must review their own needs as there is no set regulations as to what a first aid box should contain):
 - Guidance notes explaining first aid at work (such as first aid at work by the HSE);
 - Pad and Pencil - to record condition of person requiring first aids
 - 20 individually wrapped sterile adhesive dressings of assorted sizes;
 - Two sterile eye pads, with attachments;
 - Six individually wrapped triangular bandages;
 - Six safety pins;
 - Six medium sized, individually wrapped sterile un-medicated wound dressings;
 - Two large, individually wrapped sterile un-medicated wound dressings;
 - Three extra large, individually wrapped un-medicated wound dressings;
 - Two pairs of disposable gloves;
 - Surgical tape;
 - Medical Scissors; and
 - Face Shield - very basic such as 'Resuci Aid'.
- First aid boxes **must not** contain any medications such as pain killers, creams or eye ointments. Other items such as protective clothing/equipment can be used e.g. disposable gloves, vent-aids.



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- A list of the required contents (as above) and the name of the appointed person or first aider should be kept within the first aid kit. First-aiders and appointed persons will be responsible for ensuring that the boxes are regularly checked and restocked if necessary.
- Most facilities do not have a designated first aid room; however there should be a room available which could be converted for first aid purposes if required.
- Notices must be displayed within each building informing people of the means of summoning first aid assistance and of the location of the first aid box.
- For visitors to the club premises, the host will be responsible for calling first aid if required. If the visitor is to be unaccompanied, the host should ensure that they are familiar with the means of calling for assistance.
- Many members are required to coach away from their club. Where this is the case those members should ideally be given 'emergency first aid training' and carry a First Aid Kit in the car. If an emergency arises the Club Representative will then be able to cope with the situation.
- The training and first aid kits should be made available by the line manager/budget holder.
- Some members carry their own medications such as inhalers for asthma or 'Epipens' which contain injectable adrenaline for the treatment of severe allergic (anaphylactic) reactions, for example to peanuts. These medications are prescribed by a doctor. If an individual needs to take their own prescribed medication, the first aider's role is limited to helping them do so and contacting the emergency services as appropriate.
- Medicines legislation restricts the administration of injectable medicines. Unless self administered, they may only be administered by or in accordance with the instructions of a doctor (e.g. by a nurse). However, in the case of adrenaline there is an exemption to this restriction which means in an emergency, a suitably trained lay person is permitted to administer it by injection for the purpose of saving life. The use of an Epipen to treat anaphylactic shock falls into this category. Therefore, first aiders may administer an Epipen if they are dealing with a life threatening emergency in a casualty who has been prescribed and is in possession of an Epipen and where the first aider is trained to use it.

Legislation

- Health and Safety (First-Aid) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1982.
- Health and Safety at Work (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 (Amendment 1998)



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