

Pro Safe Sport

Practice examples

This factsheet is intended to gather information on a practice example which promotes a healthy and safe sport environment.

Basic data	
Title	Code of Ethics & Good Practice for Children in Athletics
Organisation	Athletics Ireland
Link	http://www.athleticsireland.ie/content/wp-content/uploads/2010/12/code-of-ethics-for-children_soft.pdf
Country	Ireland
What kind of initiative? (E.g. policy, law/ act, campaign, education...)	Code
PSS intervention area	<u>Physical well-being</u> <u>Psychological well-being</u> Social well-being Fair play <u>Governance/ policy</u>

Qualitative facts	
Description	<p>The Code of Ethics & Good Practice for Children in Athletics recognises the commitment of Athletics Ireland to ensure that young people are safeguarded in their participation in Athletics in Ireland. It is essential that Athletic Ireland as an organisation take steps to ensure that the early experiences of young athletes in our sport are positive & enjoyable, irrespective of their ability, gender, social or ethnic background.</p> <p>This document aims to outline the fundamental principles and policies and address issues relating to the roles and responsibilities of people involved in athletics with children. It outlines best practice with regard to working with children to provide a safe and enjoyable environment for all.</p>

	Athletics Ireland is fully committed to safeguarding the wellbeing of all of its members. Every individual in Athletics Ireland should at all times, show respect and understanding for members rights, safety and welfare and conduct themselves in a way that reflects the principles of the organisation and the guidelines contained in the Code of Ethics and Good Practice.
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All volunteers must study the code • Clubs shall adopt a code of ethics • Appointment of children officers and a national children officer
Thematic priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop policies and codes • Use good practices to implement those
Target group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young athletes in athletics
Results/ products	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Code • Various documents in example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Constitution ○ Policy Statement ○ Code Conduct (Volunteers/Parents/Athletes) ○ Membership form ○ Safe recruitment policy ○ Bullying & Disciplinary procedures ○ Attendance Records ○ Accident/Incident Report Procedure ○ Qualified Coaches ○ General Supervision Guidelines ○ A Childrens Officer (Male & Female is preferable) •
Success factors	n.a.

Quantitative facts

Budget	n.a.
Number of people working for this initiative	n.a.
Number of people reached	n.a.
Timeframe (start/ end)	2005/ ongoing

Observations

This code is based on the code of ethics & good practice for children's sport of the Irish Sports Council. Many Irish sport federations have adopted and implemented this code of the Irish Sports Council.

