



BALTINGLASS GOLF CLUB

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Baltinglass Golf Club Junior Golf Mission Statement

Baltinglass Golf Club is fully committed to safeguarding the well-being of all its members and specifically includes the welfare of our young members. Each and every member of the Club should at all times, show respect and understanding for members' rights, safety and welfare and conduct themselves in a way that reflects the objectives of the Club. (**Club Constitution 3.1.4**) The guidelines for the welfare of young people are outlined in the 'Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Children's Sport' & 'Code of Ethics for Golf for Young People'. Young club members are to be given enjoyable, safe sporting opportunities, free of abuse of any kind. These young participants have rights, which must be respected. Young members should be encouraged to realise that they also have responsibilities to treat other participants in golf and their golf sports leaders with fairness and respect.

Child Welfare and Protection Procedures

Baltinglass Golf Club accepts that organisations, which include young people among its members, could be vulnerable to the occurrence of child abuse. The Club has procedures in place for dealing with any welfare or protection issue that may arise. Child welfare and the protection of young people is a matter of concern of all adults at all times, irrespective of their role within the Club.

A concern could arise from a specific indication from a child, a statement from a person who witnessed abuse, or an illness, injury or behaviour consistent with abuse.

A report may be made by any member in the Club but this report must be passed on to the Club's Child Protection Officer, who in turn has to pass the concern to the local Statutory Authorities. It is the function of the local Statutory Authorities to decide whether or not child abuse is occurring/has occurred. However, there is a responsibility on the Club to protect children by assisting with the appropriate agencies so that they can then make enquiries and take any necessary action to protect the young person. Everyone with a child protection issue should firstly follow the procedures outlined in the Club's '**Golf for Young Members Policy**,' namely the procedure for responding to a child in difficulty and secondly, the procedure for reporting the concern.

The Club's Child Protection Officer/Designated Liaison Person (DLP) is Ms. Bernie Kilcoyne. The Deputy Child Protection Officer/Deputy Designated Liaison Person (DDL) is Mr. Liam Horgan.

Signed: *Tom Hannafin*

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Club Secretary