

Children First Act 2015

It is very important that members acquaint themselves with the requirements of the Act. It is recommended that all Members should read the Golf Safeguarding Policy which is posted on the Club Website.

On December 11th 2017, the Children First Act 2015 commenced. This new law puts Children First: the National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children, on a statutory footing. The Act provides for a number of key child protection measures including provisions in respect of mandatory reporting of child abuse. The Act now places a legal obligation on Organisations and Clubs providing services to Children to publish a Safeguarding Policy and appoint a Designated Liaison Person and Club Children's Officer.

Kinsale Golf Club has appointed Mr Micheál Landers as Club Children's Officer and Mr Gerry Waldron as Designated Liaison Officer.

The Club's Child Safeguarding Statement is posted on the Club's notice boards and also on our website.

The Club has adopted the Golf's Safeguarding Policy drawn up by the Governing Bodies of Golf (GUI, ILGU, CGI and PGA) and this is posted on the Club's website.

Vetting procedures and training has been carried out for all those involved with Junior golfers.

The Club wishes to draw the following matters specifically to Members attention.

The use of mobile phones or photographic devices are not allowed in the changing rooms.

Members should exercise prudence and avoid one to one situations with a Junior Golfer, whether on the Course or in the changing rooms.

Members should not contact juniors directly by phone or otherwise when arranging matches or for any purpose. This must be done with the Junior's Parent or Guardian.

Kinsale Golf Club has a very successful Junior Programme which is a credit to our Junior Officers and has provided an enjoyable and rewarding experience to the many Juniors who have been part of the programme. The Club is committed to ensuring that the participation of Juniors is conducted in a safe, positive and encouraging atmosphere.

A key feature of the playing of golf has always been the interaction of Adults and Juniors, whether in the weekly competitions or the match play events. It is important that as Members we are guided by what is best for our Juniors and that we maintain a child centred ethos which will contribute to a safe and enjoyable atmosphere within our Club.

Management Committee.