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Safeguarding Information for Junior Athletes

This document will be accessed and agreed online, as part of the accreditation process.

SAFEGUARDING

Athletes' wellbeing and welfare is a priority at this event.

Athletes taking part in the Europe Triathlon Cup event are both under 18 and over 18. For this reason there are safeguarding protocols in place. All athletes should abide by the safeguarding protocols outlined in the [Safeguarding Policy](#) and in this document to protect young athletes and support all athletes. Everyone at the City of Derry event is subject to Triathlon Ireland safeguarding and disciplinary policy and procedures.

Please [COMPLETE THIS FORM](#) to inform us of any relevant medical information, emergency contact details and provide photography permission.

Codes of conduct

All athletes, coaches, parents, carers, staff and volunteers are subject to Triathlon Ireland organisational codes of conduct at the City of Derry Triathlon. Please see codes of conduct below:

[Junior Cup Athletes \(18+\) Code of Conduct](#)

[Junior Cup Athletes \(under 18\) Code of Conduct](#)

[Parents/carers, coaches code of conduct](#)

Safeguarding responsibilities

All adults including athletes, coaches, parents/carers, athlete support personnel, chaperones are responsible for safeguarding at the event. This means creating a child centred environment, following Triathlon Ireland policies and reporting on anything that occurs which has or may put a child at risk or contravenes the Triathlon Ireland code of conduct. Parents/carers, coaches and Athlete Support Personnel have the responsibility to ensure athletes are safe at all times during the event. They should:

- Be available to the young athletes in your care at all times.



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- Read and abide by the safeguarding policies and protocols for the event.
- Know how to contact emergency assistance if required.
- Hold medical information relevant to the athletes in your care.
- Be available to chaperone if the athlete in your care is selected for Anti -Doping tests.

Safeguarding and wellbeing contacts

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The Safeguarding contacts are available for you to contact before, during and after the event with any worries or concerns. All competitors, whatever their age, gender (including gender reassignment), culture, language, racial origin, religious beliefs, sexual identity or disability, have equal rights to safety and protection from harm. All safeguarding concerns, code of conduct concerns or allegations of a child protection nature arising from the event, within the sport or outside of the sport, will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately.

[Please see the event Safeguarding Policy here](#)

Reporting Incidents or Concerns

Any incident or concern observed or experienced must be reported to the Safeguarding leads as soon as possible particularly if a young person is in immediate danger or at risk. This may include harassment or discrimination. You can also make a report through [this online portal](#).

Emergency contact

If you are in danger or there is an emergency you can call the police (PSNI) by dialling 999.

Accommodation

Young athletes should feel safe in their accommodation. Triathlon Ireland has the following policy where a junior is travelling with an adult who isn’t their parent/carer.

- Coaches and chaperones should not share a room with a junior athlete.



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- Coaches and chaperones should not be alone with the junior athlete in their room or the room of the junior athlete.
- Any interactions, discussions, maintenance work on bikes etc. should take place in a common area. If you have any concerns about your accommodation, please contact the Event Safeguarding Lead.

Injuries on the course & Medical Information

If an athlete needs assistance on the course the closest marshall will call for medical assistance. The Safeguarding Lead Officers will also be informed, they will inform the coach/parent. Depending on the location, someone from the safeguarding team will be sent to wait with the athlete. If an athlete needs immediate assistance before the medical team arrives they must give consent for someone to assist them unless unable to do so. Please ensure you have provided any relevant medical information in advance on [this form](#).

Missing Young Person

If the young person you are accompanying is missing, alert event staff immediately or call the Safeguarding lead. There is a protocol in place for missing young people.

Anti Doping

Sport Ireland may be conducting Anti Doping testing at the event. Young people under 18 will need a chaperone in attendance during tests. Parents/carers/coaches/chaperones should be near the finish line in anticipation of this. Triathlon Ireland can also provide appropriately vetted and trained male or female chaperones if required.

Smoking (this includes cigarettes, e-cigarettes, cigars etc.)

In order to promote a positive image; Parents/carers athletes, coaches, athlete support personnel, volunteers and staff that smoke will not do so in the presence of athletes or young volunteers whilst at the event or at the event HQ.



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Changing Areas and Athletes lounge

The changing area is for athletes only, coaches, athlete support personnel, chaperones, staff or volunteers will not be permitted to enter the changing area. There will be specified time for athletes to use the changing areas and showers. Athletes may not enter the changing area outside of the specified time. There will be an allocated area for an athlete lounge which coaches, athlete support personnel and chaperones can also access.

Photography

There will be official photographers at the event. Please ensure you have completed the [Photography waiver here](#).

These photographers follow the Triathlon Ireland Photography guidelines in relation to photographing or videoing children.

If you are uncomfortable with any photography on the day or any requests, contact the Event Safeguarding Lead. Parents/carers, coaches are asked to only photograph their own children/athletes unless permission is given by another parent/carer to include their child in the photo. Please see our Photography guidance document [here](#). If in doubt regarding the suitability of a photo do not take it or post it.