



Northern Ireland Association of Cricket Umpires and Scorers

Founded 1949

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CHILD PROTECTION POLICY FOR NIACUS

The **NORTHERN IRELAND ASSOCIATION OF CRICKET UMPIRES and SCORERS.** (hereafter **NIACUS** or **Association**), is committed to a policy of fair play as defined in present legislation. This ensures a practice which protects children from harm. We in the Association accept and recognise our responsibility to develop awareness of the practices which can cause harm to children.

To achieve this, we will;

1. Develop an awareness of good practice.
2. Identify a Child Protection Officer
3. Adopt Child Protection guidelines through codes of conduct for all members of the Association.
4. Ensure careful recruitment for all prospective members of the Association.
5. Ensure clear reporting procedures for responding to disclosures or suspicions.

Standards set by NIACUS will be achieved through:

1. Awareness of issues which lead to abuse of children.
2. Safe recruiting.
3. Provision of training.
4. Code of behaviour.
5. Establishing procedures for dealing with and recording complaints.
6. Regular review of procedures by Executive Committee.

The Child Protection Policy applies to all Members of the Association.

Child Protection Officer

The Child Protection Officer for NIACUS is **Alan Neill** mobile: **07745814032**

The name shall be communicated to all Members and to the General Secretary of the Northern Cricket Union,

The Association has in place procedures for dealing with concerns, but the first point of contact should be the Designated Person.

Any individual has the right to contact Social Services or the PSNI., if they have concerns about any situation.

Guidelines for reporting allegations or incidents.

1. Report the occurrence as soon as possible to the Designated Person.
2. Compile a written report.
3. Ensure confidentiality at all times (do not discuss with others)

The Designated Person will be responsible for storing any report in a safe and secure environment.

Safe working practices.

NIACUS will ensure;

1. That Umpires and Scorers do not allow themselves to be alone in changing rooms or score boxes with underage persons.
2. That Umpires and Scorers do not transport underage persons to and from games unless there is another person in the vehicle.
3. Support Members who report accusations of abuse, and to ensure that their report and name are confidentially maintained.
4. That appropriate action is taken against Members who breach standards of reasonable behaviour.
5. That the Designated Person has full knowledge of Child Protection procedures.

NIACUS has a right to;

- Expect members to comply with the Code of Conduct
- Expect all members to maintain a standard of reasonable behaviour.
- Take appropriate action if Members fall short of expected standards.
- Take action in the event of any accusation.
- Expect Members to undertake training when advised to do so.
- Maintain records on individuals in line with advice from the Data Protection Agency.

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