



## **ADULT SUPERVISION OF CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES POLICY**

Fountainstown Community Sports Club welcomes and supports its junior members of all ages. The Club encourages all members to make full use of its facilities as often as possible.

As part of its obligations regarding the protection of children the club sets out in this document the details of adequate adult supervision of junior members provided by the club.

The club will ensure that all children's activities organized by the club will be adequately and appropriately supervised by adults and will follow relevant Tennis Ireland guidance on Supervisor/Child ratios. The following guidelines will apply to all club organized activities.

1. Leaders and adult supervisors should not be left alone with young people at the end of any activity.
2. Start and finish times for coaching, training and/or other activities will be clearly stated.
3. Parents are requested to collect their children as punctually as possible.
4. It is the responsibility of parents/guardians to make arrangements for the timely collection of young people in their charge. Consistent late collection may require alternative arrangements to be put in place.
5. If a parent is unavoidably delayed, they should contact the club. In the event that no contact is made with the Club/Adult supervisor, the adult supervisor will:
  - a) attempt to contact the parent using the contact number(s) provided by them on the completed consent form.
  - b) If there is no answer, they will ask the child if there is another family member whom they can contact.
  - c) If no contact can still be made the supervisor plus another adult will wait with the child at the club or venue until the child has been collected by a parent or other adult nominated by the parent.

6. Children attending for club-organized coaching should let one of the adult supervisors know when they have arrived at the club – it is the responsibility of parents to ensure that children do this.
7. When children are finished their coaching session and are leaving with the adult nominated to collect them, they (or the adult) should inform the supervisor that they are leaving.
8. Under no circumstances should a child leave the club premises without informing the adult supervisor.
9. If a child suffers an injury or accident the parents/guardians will be informed, and an [Accident Report Form](#) will be completed.
10. Attendance records and records of any incidents or accidents that occur will be kept by the club.
11. The club welcomes and indeed encourages parents who wish to stay and supervise sessions, (for safety and supervision, not necessarily for technical expertise.)
12. Arrangements for supervision during home or away matches etc. will be discussed on a case-by-case basis to ensure adequate supervision.

**PARENTS ARE ADVISED THAT:**

1. Adequate adult supervision as described above is provided only during:
  - a) their child's allocated coaching period as part of the club's Junior Coaching programme.
  - b) any of the internal junior activities organized and run by the Club Committee.
2. The details of the times of the above-listed activities are available from the Club Office/the Coaching Coordinator.
3. While there may be adults present in the club premises at other times the club does not regard their presence as the provision of adequate adult supervision and it is not responsible for the safety and protection of their child outside of the specific activities listed above.
4. While the Club takes every reasonable measure to ensure the safety and protection of all its members including Junior members while they are on the premises such measures do not extend to the provision of adequate adult supervision other than for the activities listed above. In that regard it is the responsibility of each parent/guardian

to ensure that their child is adequately supervised at all other times that they are on the club premises (including times when the child is receiving private coaching organized by the child's parents)

5. The parents of all children taking part in any of the activities organized by the club are required to agree to the following statement as part of membership sign up. This consent Statement will be reviewed annually.

## **CONSENT - PARENTAL CONSENT**

I hereby consent to all the named children participating in the junior activities of Fountainstown Community Sports Club in line with the Code of Ethics & Good Practice for Children's Sport.

I have read the [Club Code of Conduct for All Members](#) and agree that both I and the child(ren) named will abide by the guidelines as set out in this code.

I have provided contact details and undertake to inform the Club of any changes to this information. I confirm that all details are correct and I am able to give parental consent for the named child(ren) to participate in all club activities.

I confirm that I have read the [club rules](#) and undertake to abide by the obligations which it imposes on me as the parent/legal guardian of the named child(ren).

I acknowledge that the club is not responsible for providing adult supervision for my child(ren) except as set out in the club's Safeguarding Policy (available from the club office)