

Safeguarding Audit Framework

Sport Irelands Safeguarding Audit Framework's main focus will be to assist National Governing Bodies of Sport across Ireland strengthen the way that children and young people are made safer.

The Audit Framework is:

- Focused on safeguarding children.
- Easy to access and simple to understand.
- Designed to support the whole sporting community.
- Configured to reflect the voices of children, young people, parents, carers, staff and volunteers.
- Focused on a more detailed analysis of safeguarding arrangements.
- Compliant with relevant legislation and guidance, including Children First 2015.

Sport Irelands Safeguarding Audit Framework has been developed for use by all sporting organisations that work with children and young people, from grass-roots to the national level. This includes individual tennis clubs, the National Governing Body and all its stakeholders.

Sport Irelands Safeguarding Audit Framework is underpinned by current legislation and the principles set out in this guidance document. It has a fundamental focus on the context of children and young people in sport and the creation of safe spaces where they can be seen, heard and helped.

Sport Ireland will provide leadership, co-ordinate, oversee and ensure the effectiveness of the Safeguarding Audit Framework. Implementing this audit process reflects the priority that Sport Ireland applies to safeguarding children and young people, together with the expectation that Tennis Ireland and their clubs mirror this focus at all levels.

Tennis Ireland and its Branches are responsible for ensuring that the audit process is completed by their member clubs and other stakeholders and that any improvement actions arising from this process are implemented. Tennis Ireland will evaluate, quality assure and endorse submissions of their member clubs. On request Tennis Ireland will also provide an analysis of returns from their respective clubs to Sport Ireland.

Individual clubs will be responsible for the timely completion of the safeguarding audit process. Clubs will be responsible for responding to any improvement actions that are identified through the Safeguarding Audit process and co-operating fully with any review that is commissioned in respect of their club.