



## Causeway Tennis and Bowls Club

### DESIGNATED LIASON OFFICER

The designated liaison person is responsible for ensuring that reporting procedures within the club are followed, so that child welfare and protection concerns are referred promptly to Tusla.

Minimum Requirements:

- Garda Vetting process in Ireland
- Safeguarding 1 This educates the DLO on the implementation of best practice in protecting the welfare of children involved in sport. The course is a mix of theory and group work. This includes:
  - (a) Having a basic knowledge of Children First (2011) and relevant legislation
  - (b) Know how to implement best practice in protecting the welfare of participants in the club
  - (c) Know how to recognise child protection and welfare concerns
  - (d) Be able to list categories of abuse and some indicators associated with abuse
  - (e) Know how to respond appropriately to child protection and welfare concerns
  - (f) Understand the importance of agencies having effective child protection policies, procedures and practices
- Safeguarding 2 A DLO should be child centered in focus and have as the primary aim the establishment of a child centered ethos within the club. S/he is the link between the children and the adults in the club. S/he also takes responsibility for monitoring and reporting to the Club Management Committee on how club policy impacts on young people and Sports Leaders
- Safeguarding 3 The DLO is responsible for reporting allegations or suspicions of child abuse to TUSLA Child and Family Agency or Social Services (NI) and/or An Garda Síochána / PSNI. It is recommended that this person is a senior club person.
- Compliance with the requirements of the club's Recruitment Procedures (Appendix 5 of the policy document)

Our Designated Liaison Officer is **Sarah Feeney**.

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