

Island View Riding Stables Ltd : Child/Vulnerable Adult Safeguarding Statement

Section 1 – Your Riding centre information

Family run equestrian Centre in the Northwest of Ireland Offering Equestrian holidays, riding lessons, trekking including short rides and dayrides therapeutic riding, workshops

Organisation details:

- Name: Island View Riding Stables Ltd
- Sport: **Equestrian Sport**
- Location (National/Local level): *Local Level*
- Activities: *riding lessons, trekking including short rides and day rides therapeutic riding, workshops in horsemanship*

Section 2 - Principles to safeguard children from harm

Island View Riding Stables Ltd is committed to safeguarding children and vulnerable adults and by working under the guidance of our Safeguarding Policies our staff, both volunteers and employed, working with our young people, throughout the organisation, seek to create a safe environment for young people and (vulnerable) adults to grow and develop within sport and farming activities. The following set of principles should be adhered to:

- **Importance of childhood** - The importance of childhood should be understood and valued by everyone involved in sport.
- **Needs of the child** - All children's sport experiences should be guided by what is best for children. This means that adults should have a basic understanding of the emotional, physical and personal needs of young people.
- **Integrity in relationships** - Adults interacting with children in sport are in a position of trust and influence. They should always ensure that children are treated with integrity and respect, and the self-esteem of young people is enhanced.
- **Fair Play** - All children's sport should be conducted in an atmosphere of fair play. The principles of fair play should always be emphasised, and organisers should give clear guidelines regarding acceptable standards of behaviour.
- **Quality atmosphere & ethos** - Children's sport should be conducted in a safe, positive and encouraging atmosphere.
- **Competition** - Competition is an essential element of sport and should be encouraged in an age-appropriate manner. A child centred ethos will help to ensure that competition and specialisation are kept in their appropriate place.
- **Equality** - All children should be valued and treated in an equitable and fair manner regardless of ability, age, gender, religion, social and ethnic background or political persuasion.

Section 3 - Risk Assessment

This Island View Riding written Risk Assessment document indicates the areas of potential risk of harm, the likelihood of the risk occurring, and gives the required policy, guidance or process documents require to alleviate these risks. *Anywhere the term “child” is used also includes “vulnerable adult”* The list of risks identified and procedures to manage these risks are contained in the following categories:

| Risk Identified | Procedure in place to manage risk identified |
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| <p>Affiliate and Coaching Practices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of coaching qualification. • Supervision issues. • Unauthorised photography & recording activities. • Behavioural Issues. • Lack of gender balance amongst coaches • Lack of adherence with misc procedures in Safeguarding policy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coach education guidelines/Recruitment policy. • Supervision policy/Coach education guidelines • Photography & Use of Images guidelines • Codes of Conduct / Safeguarding Training Policy / Complaints & Disciplinary policy. • Coach education guidelines / Supervision policy. mostly female clients so mostly female staff is appropriate. • Safeguarding Training Policy / Complaints & Disciplinary policy |
| <p>Complaints & Discipline</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of awareness of a Complaints & Disciplinary policy. • Difficulty in raising an issue by child & or parent • Complaints not being dealt with seriously | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complaints & Disciplinary procedure / Communications procedure. • Complaints & Disciplinary procedure / Communications procedure. • Complaints & Disciplinary procedure. |
| <p>Reporting Procedures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of knowledge of organisational & statutory reporting procedures • No DLP appointed. • Concerns of abuse or harm not reported. • Not clear who YP should talk to or report to. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reporting procedures / Coach Education policy / Codes of Conduct. • Reporting procedures. Ursula is designated liaison person • Reporting procedures / Safeguarding Training Policy • First contact with member of staff they trust (eg yard manager Joy (safeguarding 1) or Ursula. Ursula designated Liaison person at the yard(safeguarding 2 and 3) tel 0868477195 |
| | <p>AIRE National Childrens officer Terri Brosnan, AIRE Children’s Officer Phone no: 087 4116786</p> |

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| <p>Use of Facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unauthorised access to designated children’s playing areas, practice areas & to changing rooms, showers, toilets etc. • Unauthorised exit from children’s areas. • Photography, filming or recording in prohibited areas. • Missing or found child on site. • Children sharing facilities with adults e.g. dressing room, showers etc... | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supervision policy / Coach Education...:none of the above except toilets. Staff to be vigilant. • Supervision policy / Coach Education. Children should be under parental, carer or staff supervision at all times until leaving the premises. • Photography & Use of Images guidelines, no cameras in changing rooms • Missing or found child policy. Encourage children to tell staff when they are being picked up so we know where they are at all times. • Safeguarding Training Policy |
| <p>Recruitment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruitment of inappropriate people. • Lack of clarity on roles. • Unqualified or untrained people in role. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruitment policy. All senior staff hold current Garda vetting and safe guarding 1 • Recruitment policy / Safeguarding Training Policy • Recruitment policy / Safeguarding Training Policy. Report observations to management if needed |
| <p>Communications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of awareness of ‘risk of harm’ with members and visitors. • No communication of Child Safeguarding Statement of Code of Behaviour to members or visitors. • Unauthorised photography & recording of activities. • Inappropriate use of social media & communications by under 18’s • Inappropriate use of social media & communications with under 18’s. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Safeguarding Statement / Training Policy/staff induction and employee handbook • Child Safeguarding Statement (display) / Codes of Behaviour (distribute). • Photography & Use of Images policy. Difficult to police,make parents aware that management cant guarantee that other clients wont take pictures. but no cameras allowed where minors or vulnerable adults are not fully attired.. • Communications policy / Codes of conduct. Staff to Talk to children (and possibly their parents) if they are aware / observe this • Communications policy / Codes of conduct. Staff are discouraged from engaging in social medias with under 18s. |
| <p>General Risk of Harm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harm not being recognised. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safeguarding Training Policy |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Harm caused by:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Child to Child.○ Coach to Child.○ Volunteer to Child.○ Member to Child.○ Visitor to Child.• General behavioural issues.• Issues of Bullying.• Vetting of staff/volunteers.• Issues of Online Safety | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Safeguarding Training Policy / Recruitment policy / Codes of Conduct• Codes of Conduct.• Anti-Bullying policy..See employee handbook• Recruitment policy / Vetting Policy. As per AIRE guidelines• Social Media / Online Safety policy. |
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The Risk Assessment was undertaken on (2/2/2024).

Section 4 – Procedures Our Child Safeguarding Statement has been developed in line with requirements under the Children First Act 2015, (the Children First: National Guidance, and Tusla’s Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure & Practice and the Children (NI) Order 1995). In addition to our Risk Assessment document described above, there are further procedures that support our intention to safeguard children while they are availing of our activities.

(RIDING CENTRE NAME) has the following procedures in place as part of our Safeguarding Policies:

- Procedures for the management of allegations of abuse or misconduct by staff or volunteers against a child availing of our activities.
- Procedures for the safe recruitment of staff and volunteers to work with children in our activities.
- Procedures for access to child safeguarding training and information, including the identification of the occurrence of harm.
- Procedure for reporting of child protection or welfare concerns to Statutory Authorities.
- Procedure for maintaining a list of the persons (if any) in the relevant service who are mandated persons.
- Procedure for appointing a relevant person.

Please note that all procedures listed are available on request.

(If you say above that you have a certain policy please ensure that you do have it on site)

The Mandated/Relevant Person for Riding Centre Name is Your DLP (person with Safeguarding 3).

Section 5 – Implementation

We recognise that implementation is an ongoing process. Riding Centre Name is committed to the implementation of this Child Safeguarding Statement and the procedures that support our intention to keep children safe from harm while availing of our activities.

Please note the following:

- That all staff have been furnished with a copy of this statement.
- This statement is available to parents/guardians, the Agency and members of the public on request.
- This statement will be displayed in a prominent place by (Riding Centre Name).

The (Riding Centre Name) Child Safeguarding Plan including all policies and procedures is available on request or at the following webpage for download: *(Insert Link to section on website where this statement will be posted)*

You can also email *(Insert contact email for safeguarding matters (Safeguarding 3 person)* if you would like any information sent to you.

This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed on *(Insert Date)*

Signed:

Date: *(Insert Date)*

(On behalf of (Riding Centre Name))

Name: *(Insert Name of Designated Liaison Person)* Phone no: *(Insert Contact No)*

For queries on this Child Safeguarding Statement, please contact (Insert Name of DLP – person with Safeguarding 3).