

Wicklow Tennis Club – Child Protection Policy

Appendix 5

Club Recruitment Procedures

Section 1. The General Approach to Recruitment.

Wicklow Tennis Club relies heavily on the time and commitment freely given by volunteers. Without this the opportunities for children to participate in tennis would not exist. However the club is also mindful of its commitment to *“safeguarding the well-being of its members”* as outlined in its Child Protection Policy Statement.

This Recruitment Policy document sets out how the need for and encouragement of volunteer participation in our programs is balanced against the obligation to take all reasonable steps to ensure the well-being of our junior members. We trust that potential volunteers will appreciate the obligation on the club to satisfy itself that all those volunteering fully understand the role which they are taking on and the responsibilities attaching to that role. In addition it is reasonable that those with substantial access to children in our care provide the kind of information that is essential in assessing somebody’s suitability for quite responsible positions.

We hope that potential volunteers will provide any requested information in the overall spirit of the club’s commitment to Child Protection. Similarly staff employed by the club will be expected to provide the necessary information and to give the required undertakings in regard to their dealings with club members.

Section 2. The Specific Recruitment Procedures

Wicklow Tennis Club will ensure good recruitment procedures by utilizing some or all of the following:

1. Clearly defining the duties and responsibilities associated with each position (both voluntary and paid) within the club.
2. Insisting that anybody volunteering for any voluntary position or applying for any paid position within the club completes the form relevant to that position. (*see sample application forms at the end of this document*)
3. Obtaining proof of identity of each person applying.
4. Where necessary obtaining the individual's signed permission to enable Tennis Ireland to request a check from either the Garda vetting service (ROI) or Access NI (NI).
 - In the case of those who will have substantial access to children. Assessing the individual's experience of working with children or young people and knowledge of child protection issues
 - Assessing their commitment to promoting good practice.
 - Assessing their ability to communicate with children. (I.e. be approachable).

This assessment will be done in the way most appropriate to the particular position.

5. Where considered necessary obtaining written references.
6. Ensuring that any appointment, whether paid or voluntary, is approved by the club's Executive Committee
7. By providing suitable induction and where considered appropriate setting a probationary period.
8. Requiring all volunteers to provide undertakings to abide by the Code of Conduct relevant to their particular position (*see undertakings/Codes of Conduct in Appendix 2*)

The review of the information provided will be carried out by the **Recruitment Sub-committee** comprising the Club Officers plus a representative of the Junior Committee. In the case of the review and assessment of any of the members of the Recruitment Sub-committee they will absent themselves from the sub- committee for the duration of that particular review.

The duties and responsibilities associated with all posts within the club are set out in Appendix 7 of this policy.

Volunteers and staff will be required to undertake to abide by the relevant Code of Conduct by signing the code. (Ref Appendix 2)

The following table sets out the various criteria to be complied with by volunteers and post-holders.



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	Complete Form	Provide Reference	Garda Vetting	CP Awareness Course	Insurance	Qualifications	Code of Conduct Undertaking	Induction	ID Proof
Club Chairperson/President									
Club Secretary									
Club Treasurer.									
Club Captain									
Executive Committee Member									
Junior Sub-committee member									
Other Sub-committee member									
Junior Supervisors									
Tennis Coach									
Caretaker/cleaner.									

Protection of Data provided by volunteers.

All information provided to Wicklow Tennis Club under the requirements of these recruitment procedures will be kept strictly confidential. Only the members of the Recruitment Committee will have access to this information. Only hard copies of the information will be retained by the club. This hard copy information will be kept by the Club Secretary (Sinead Nolan) in a locked storage area with a single key being held by the secretary. The information will be returned to the volunteer when no longer required for the purposes of complying with these recruitment procedures.

ALL RELEVANT FORMS APPENDIX

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Form 6 - VOLUNTEER / COACH APPLICATION FORM (Appendix 5)

(FOR THOSE WITH REGULAR ACCESS TO CHILDREN)

All information received in this form will be treated confidentially

Name: _____

Maiden Name: _____
(If applicable)

Address:

Previous Address(s) over the last 5 years:

How long have you lived at this address? _____

Tel: _____ Mobile: _____ DOB: _____

Are you (Please tick):

- Employed Unemployed Student
Homemaker Retired Other

Previous work experience & relevant qualifications:

Have you previously been involved in voluntary work? YES / NO

If yes, give details:

How much time can you commit? (Please tick)

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
Morning							
Afternoon							
Evening							

Do you have any spare time hobbies, interests or activities?

Do you agree to abide by the club's Coach Code of Conduct (copy attached)?

Yes

No

Have you completed the Safeguarding 1 - Basic Awareness Workshop in Child Welfare & Protection or similar?

Yes

No

If yes, who was it organised by and when approximately:

If No do you agree to undergo this training?

Yes

No

Have you ever been asked to leave a sporting organisation in the past?

(if you have answered yes we will contact you in confidence)

Yes

No

List all relevant training courses (coaching-*any sport*, Child Protection, etc.) that you have completed.

Course	Organising Body	Date completed
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Any other relevant information?

Please supply the names of two responsible people whom we can contact and who from personal knowledge are willing to endorse your application. If you have had a previous involvement in a sports club one of these names should be that of an administrator / leader in your last club / place of involvement.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel: _____

Designation: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel: _____

Designation: _____

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Form 7 - DISCLOSURE OF CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS & PERMISSION FOR STATUTORY CHECKS FOR THOSE WORKING WITH CHILDREN (Appendix 5)

(Please read this information carefully)

Statement of non-discrimination:

Wicklow Tennis Club is committed to equal opportunity for all applicants including those with criminal convictions. Information about criminal convictions is requested to assist the selection process and will be taken into account only when the conviction is considered relevant to the post. Any disclosure will be seen in the context of the job criteria, the nature of the offence and the responsibility for the care of existing clients\customers and employees.

For the purposes of your application for the post of:

_____ it is our policy to ask for a check to be carried out by the statutory organisation responsible for this task in the jurisdiction in which you are working/volunteering.

Advice to Applicants:

Please complete this form as accurately as possible and return it marked “**Confidential**” in the envelope provided. An arrangement will be made with you to discuss any clarification that may be required.

Thank you for your co-operation.

You **must** tell us now if you have a case pending or if you have ever been convicted of a criminal offence, or cautioned the police, or bound over. You **must** include all offences, even minor matters such as motoring offences, and ‘spent’ conviction, that is, things which happened a long time ago. If you leave anything out it may affect your application. The disclosure of a criminal record or other information will

not debar you from registration / appointment unless Tennis Ireland considers that the conviction renders you unsuitable. In making this decision Tennis Ireland will consider the nature of the offence, how long ago it was committed and what age you were at the time and other factors which may be relevant.

Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offence or been the subject of a caution; been given the benefit of the Probations Act; or are you at present the subject of criminal investigations?

Yes

No

If so, please state below the nature, date(s) and sentence of the offence(s)

Please provide any other information you feel may be of relevance such as:

- the circumstances of the offence
- a comment on the sentence received
- any relevant developments in your situation since then
- whether or not you feel the conviction has relevance to this post.

I declare that all answers are complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and I will inform the club's Designated Liaison Person of any future convictions or charges. I consent to the check being made via the statutory authorities in which I intend to work/volunteer. I am also aware that Tennis Ireland, as the umbrella organisation carrying out the check, may, following discussion with myself, share the information returned with my club chairperson.

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

Please return completed forms to: _____

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Form 8 - Third Part Reference Form (Appendix 5)

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

This form should be returned only to the person who requested its completion.

The following person:

has expressed an interest in working in Tennis.

If you are happy to complete this reference, any information will be treated with due confidentiality and in accordance with relevant legislation and guidance. Information will only be shared with the person conducting the assessment of the candidate's suitability for the post, if he/she is offered the position in question. We would appreciate you being extremely candid, open and honest in your evaluation of this person.

Signed _____

Print Name _____

For Wicklow Tennis Club

Date _____

1. How long have you know this person?

2. in what capacity?

3. What attributes does this person have that would make them suited to this work?

4. Please rate this person on the following – please tick one box for each statement:

	Poor	Average	Good	Very Good	Excellent
Responsibility					
Maturity					
Self-motivation					
Can motivate others					
Energy					
Trustworthiness					
Reliability					

This post involves substantial access to children. As an organisation committed to the welfare and protection of children, we are anxious to know if you have any reason at all to be concerned about this applicant being in contact with children and young people.

YES

NO

If you have answered **YES** we will contact you in confidence.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Position: _____ Organisation: _____