



RMFC's Club Supervision Policy

Remember a Child is anyone under the age of 18

It is important to create a safe and enjoyable environment in which to play and train and to ensure any risks in relation to premises, training facilities and equipment are minimised with the implementation of appropriate safety rules. Children need to be supervised at all times as the likelihood of accidents happening increases when adequate supervision is not in place. In particular the following should be adhered to:

- Ensure adequate Adult to Child ratios.
- There should be at least one adult of each gender with mixed parties.
- Children should be supervised at all times.
- Adults should avoid being left alone with Children. Clearly state times for start and finish of training or competitions. If late collections occur, participants should remain in pairs until all players have left.
- If a coach or manager needs to talk separately to a player this should be done in an open environment, in view of others.
- Respect the privacy of Children while changing, coaches and managers may only need to enter changing rooms where the participants are very young or require special assistance. When necessary, Participants should supervise in pairs or seek assistance, it is the safety and welfare of the participants that is of paramount importance.
- If a Child suffers an injury or accident the parents or guardians should be informed and necessary reports completed.
- Activities being undertaken should be suitable for the ability, age, and experience of the participants.
- Equipment and facilities should meet the highest possible standards and be appropriate to the maturity of the participants.
- All [Football Association of Ireland \(FAI\) Goalpost Safety Guidelines](#) must strictly be adhered to and enforced.
- Where protective equipment is deemed necessary it should be used.
- First Aid should be available for all training sessions and matches.