

Safeguarding Courses – Frequently Asked Questions

1. Where do I get Safeguarding Training?

- The Local Sports Partnership network deliver safeguarding training as well as a number of National Governing Bodies of sport.
- Sport Ireland offers three different levels of safeguarding workshops (Safeguarding 1, Safeguarding 2 for Children's Officers and Safeguarding 3 for DLPs). Each course is 3 hours long.
- Sport NI offer two different levels of safeguarding workshops, each are 3 hours long. 1. Safeguarding Children and Young People in Sport and Designated Safeguarding Children's Officer (DSCO) suitable for those in DLP role.

2. Who needs Safeguarding Training?

All staff and volunteers should receive safeguarding training appropriate for their role (coaches, assistant coaches, junior activity supervisors, child protection officer etc.)

3. What is the minimum age for Safeguarding training?

The minimum age for training is 18.

4. How long does it last?

Anybody who does a Safeguarding 1 Course in 2020:

He or she is covered until the same date in 2023 at which point when their certificate expires they can either take another roundtable Safeguarding 1 course or, they can go on the Sport Ireland website and take the online refresher course for Safeguarding 1.

If they are successful in passing the online course they need to download the certificate and keep it with the original roundtable completion certificate which they did three years prior to that.

Then they are covered for another three years and will need to produce both at the time of applying for their TI Coaching License.

When the next three years are up, they cannot do another online course. They must take the round table course once again and the cycle starts all over.

Those who have taken Safeguarding 1 courses prior to 2020 from approximately 2019 as far back as 2010:

If somebody has taken a Safeguarding 1 Course during that time, they should be able to produce evidence that they have taken the course.

During that 10 year period, the SG 1 Courses were good for five years.

After five years, SG1 round table certificate holders had the option of taking either the Tennis Ireland online course or the Sport Ireland or Sport Northern Ireland online learning course as a refresher when their 5 year period was up. This made them good for another 5 years. And that still is the case right up to 2019.

If an individual has a round table certificate or other proof of taking a Safeguarding 1 course and proof that he or she has taken the online refresher course during that period and can furnish the

proof to us, that's fine. In addition to that, if an individual has taken an online course when his or her original round table course expired after the five year period then he or she is covered for another five years from when the refresher course was taken.

If, however, individuals cannot provide the evidence of attending a round table course and a refresher course then he or she needs to take another roundtable course.

This has become very important in recent times.

5. Why do you need training?

Firstly, due to the legislation on safeguarding children and young people in sport which has come into existence in the last couple of years.

Also, because sport Ireland who are the governing body for all sports in Ireland are now under the direction of the Irish Government, conducting audits on Safeguarding.

The audit involves answering a series of questions in relation to a number of risks that have been identified and need to be accounted for.

One question is around all adults working in children's activities and have they taken the Safeguarding 1 Course and have they an up to date certificate to prove this?

In 2019, Information evenings were carried out with all our clubs on the standards that were on the way and this was also announced at our National Conference in September 2019.

Tennis Ireland have a new manual which was distributed at the conference and addresses all the measures we need to have in place around Safeguarding. It's important that you refer to the manual for guidance on your responsibility.

If you need to get access to training, please look at page 43 in our Safeguarding Manual:

<https://www.tennisireland.ie/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Safeguarding-Guidance-for-Children-DIGITAL.pdf>