



Adapted from Tennis Ireland Child Protection Legislation

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## Club Recruitment Procedures

### Section 1. The General Approach to Recruitment.

Sandy Cove Tennis & Squash Club relies heavily on the time and commitment freely given by volunteers. Without this, the opportunities for children to participate in tennis and squash 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 programmes 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

Sandy Cove Tennis & Squash 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 the relevant NGB’s to request a check from either the Garda vetting service (ROI) or Access NI (NI).

5. 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.

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

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.

Volunteers and staff will be required to undertake to abide by the relevant Code of Conduct by signing the code.

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

	Complete Form	Provide Reference	Garda Vetting	CP Awareness Course	Insurance	Qualifications	Code of Conduct Undertaking	Induction	ID Proof
Club President	X			X			X	X	
Club Honorary Secretary	X			X			X	X	
Club Treasurer.	X			X			X	X	
Club Captain (Ladies and Mens Squash & Tennis)	X			X			X	X	
Executive Committee Member	X			X			X	X	
Junior Sub-committee member	X		X	X			X	X	

<b>Other Sub-committee member</b>	X			X			X	X	
<b>Junior Sports Leader</b>	X	X	X	X			X	X	X
<b>Tennis/Squash Coach</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>Caretaker/cleaner.</b>	X	X	X	X			X	X	X

**Protection of Data provided by volunteers.**

All information provided to Sandycove Tennis & Squash 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. The information will be returned to the volunteer when no longer required for the purposes of complying with these recruitment procedures.

**Form 6 - VOLUNTEER / COACH APPLICATION FORM**  
**(FOR THOSE WITH SUBSTANTIAL 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)**

	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thurs</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>Sun</b>
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
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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:

Name:

Address:

Address:

Tel:

Tel:

Designation:

Designation:

**Form 7 - DISCLOSURE OF CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS & PERMISSION FOR STATUTORY CHECKS FOR THOSE WORKING WITH CHILDREN**

*(Please read this information carefully)*

Statement of non-discrimination:

Sandycove Tennis & Squash 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 the Club and/or the relevant NGB considers that the conviction renders you unsuitable. In making this decision the Club and/or the relevant NGB 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; a Bound Over Order (NI only); been given the benefit of the Probations Act (ROI); 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)

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**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 the NGB's, as the umbrella organisations carrying out the check, may, following discussion with myself, share the information returned with my Club president.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Print Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please return completed forms to: \_\_\_\_\_



**Form 8 - Third Party Reference Form**

**STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL**

**This form should be returned only to the person who requested it's completion.**

The following person:

\_\_\_\_\_

has expressed an interest in working in Sandycove Tennis and Squash Club.

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Sandycove Tennis & Squash 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
<b>Responsibility</b>					
<b>Maturity</b>					
<b>Self-motivation</b>					

<b>Can motivate others</b>					
<b>Energy</b>					
<b>Trustworthiness</b>					
<b>Reliability</b>					

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:** \_\_\_\_\_