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HOWTH CELTIC AFC

ALLEGATIONS OF ABUSE AGAINST COACH/VOLUNTEER/OFFICIAL PROCEDURE

If an allegation of child abuse is made against a coach/volunteer or officer the club will initiate the following procedures.

Howth Celtic afc reporting child abuse procedure.

The safety of the child making the allegation and any others who are/may be at risk will be ensured and this will take precedence over any other consideration. In this regard, the club will take any necessary steps, which may be immediately necessary to protect children.

If a coach/volunteer or official is the subject of the concern he/she will be treated with respect and fairness.

The club will take where reasonable grounds for concern exist the following steps.

Advice will be sought from the local health board with regard to any action by the club deemed necessary to protect the child/children who may be at risk.

The matter will be reported to the local health board following the standard reporting procedure.

In the event that the concern is connected to the actions of a coach/volunteer or official in the club, the coach/volunteer or official involved in the concern will be asked to stand aside pending the outcome of any investigation by statutory authorities. A member of the club executive committee will undertake this task. When the coach/volunteer or official is being privately informed by the executive committee member of (a) the fact that an allegation has been made against him/her and (b) the nature of the allegation, he/she will be afforded an opportunity to respond. His/her response will be noted and passed on to the health board personnel.

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He or she will be assured that all information will be dealt with in a sensitive and confidential manner within the club and that he/she will be treated with fairness and respect.

The coach/volunteer/official will be made aware of the general nature of any allegations made against him/her and of any allegation being made known to the statutory authorities.

The coach/volunteer/official concerned will be afforded the opportunity to present a formal response to the allegation to senior personnel in the club. His/her response will be noted and passed on to the health board personnel. From this point onwards the matter will only be dealt with by the statutory authorities.

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