



The Camogie Association is committed to creating and maintaining the safest possible environment for all young people who wish to participate in our Game.

Children First Act 2015

Following the Children First Act enacted into law in 2017.

The Camogie Association requires that all coaches involved with underage teams/players must have a basic coaching qualification course (Foundation level).

An underage player or team refers to those who are aged under 18.

The Foundation level coaching qualification refers to either a Camogie Association Foundation Accreditation or a GAA Hurling Foundation Accreditation only.

The context for this is to ensure that all Units are best placed to give assurance that children are being coached in a safe environment. Under new legislation (Children First 2015) each Unit will be obliged to undertake a risk assessment on the safeguarding of children and the requirement to have accredited coaches is part of the process to minimize risk.

Please note that in addition to the above, persons working with underage players/teams are already required by law to comply with statutory vetting by the National Vetting Bureau or Access NI. Such persons are also required to complete the Safeguarding 1 Workshop. Units are also obliged under Rule 3.4 of the Official Guide Part One to have a Children's Officer in place.

Please note:

- The Children First Act can be viewed here: [Children First Act 2015](#)
- Children First Guidance 2017 view here: [Childrens First Guidance 2017](#)