



Child Protection and Coach Education Policy

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 Bill 2014

Following the publication by the government of the Children First Bill on Monday 14th of April 2014, the Camogie Association policy for all Coaches involved with all teams aged 18 and under, both Club and County, must complete the following before working with teams with U18 players:

- All coaches must be Garda vetted
- Must have completed a recognised Child protection course

All Clubs and County boards are responsible for ensuring that all individuals involved in a meaningful way with teams must have completed the procedures outlined above.

From **January 1st 2015** all prospective coaches wishing to complete a foundation or level 1 Camogie coach education course must firstly complete a Child Protection in Sport Awareness Workshop.

Participants will only be eligible to undertake a Camogie coach education course once the child protection course is complete. On completion of the Child Protection in Sport Awareness Workshop (3 hrs) each participant will be given an individual reference number. This will then be used for coach education courses.

All coaches must also be Garda vetted before they become active as coaches.

Please note: The draft Children First Bill can be viewed here:

<http://www.oireachtas.ie/viewdoc.asp?fn=/documents/bills28/bills/2014/3014/document1.htm>