

Child Protection – Best Practice Guidelines

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The following guidelines have been prepared by SLTC in conjunction with Tennis Ireland and Safe Sport Ireland. The guidelines are to be included in the Captains' Packs for all Tennis and Squash League teams. They are of particular relevance where Juniors (i.e children under 18 years of age) are playing on Senior teams.

These guidelines are published on the Club's website so that the parents of a child nominated on a Senior team can have access to the Club's Child Protection policy and access to the Sport Ireland Safe Sport application ("app") described below.

Communications with Juniors

- Set up a team Whats App Group and always include **all** members of the team in **all** messages.
- Specifically, do not text Junior(s) directly.
- If in doubt text the Junior's parent in the first instance, to make arrangements for practice and matches.

Travel Arrangements

- Ensure you are not alone in a car with a Junior at any time.
- When bringing juniors to away matches ensure you are never alone in a car with a Junior. If mixed ages in the car, drop the junior off first.

Sport Ireland – Safe Sport App

- Download the **Safe Sport Ireland** app to your smart phone. This provides guidance and information for everyone involved in sport with children and young people.
- The Safe Sport App describes a feature called **Travel Tracker**. This allows parents/coaches/adults who are driving someone else's child/children, to and from a match to permit the child's parent to view and have oversight of their location for a specified period of time while they are travelling on a journey.
- You can download the app by right clicking on the relevant link below:



Further Information

- If you require any clarification of these guidelines or have any questions please contact the Child Welfare Officers, Sinéad McKenna at 087 979 5159 or John Clancy at 086 256 7222

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