



## **CRICKET LEINSTER GUIDELINES – APRIL 2021**

### **FOR ADULT TEAM MEMBERS PLAYING WITH YOUTH PLAYERS**

*For the purposes of this document a youth player is under 18 years of age.  
The advice given is for the safeguarding of both the adult and youth players.*

#### **CHANGING ROOMS:**

The team captain should ensure that the club has given guidance to parents of youth players on the Club Changing Room Policy. Youth players should be encouraged to arrive changed where possible and parental consent should be given if the child is to use the team dressing room.

Adults should change at separate times from children and should never shower at the same time as a youth player. If a young player is uncomfortable taking part in a team talk in a changing room they should not be put under any pressure.

#### **TRANSPORT AND TRAVEL:**

Personal arrangements made between parents to transport youth players together to an adult match is best practice. Where an adult team member or captain has been asked to transport a youth player to a match it should only be done with the parent(s) consent. The adult player should not travel on his/her own with the child. The adult player should have a point of contact for the parent(s) to update them on return times. They should avoid taking the same youth player on a regular basis.

#### **PHONE & EMAIL COMMUNICATION:**

Adult players should not make direct phone or email contact with youth players for any reason. Where a team WhatsApp group or similar exists for communicating match details, availability etc, the parent of any youth team member should be in the WhatsApp group rather than the youth player. With parental consent, or a request by a parent, a youth player can be added (as well as the parent), but adults should be aware that there are children in the group when sharing material.

#### **SOCIAL MEDIA:**

An adult player should not accept a friend request from a youth team or club member or follow them on social media platforms and should not communicate with them via personal social networking profiles, email or chat rooms.

#### **HEALTH AND SAFETY REGULATIONS:**

Captains should familiarise themselves with the Cricket Ireland fielding, bowling and batting directives governing youth players and must strictly adhere to these regulations.