



The Irish Limousin Society

Child Safeguarding Statement

The Irish Limousin Cattle Society has had a very successful track record in developing the Irish Limousin breed. Breeders have used their world-renowned skills and expert breeding knowledge to develop and improve Irish Limousin genetics.

As a society, we understand the responsibility and importance of developing the next generation of expert breeders that will continue to improve, develop and promote the breed going forward.

Through the Irish Limousin Young Members' Association (YMA), we give the next generation of breeders the knowledge, skills and the tools needed to breed and show Limousin cattle.

Each year, the society will run YMA events and workshops at different times, and we encourage all young people whether they come from a farming background or not to get involved.

In accordance with the requirements of the Children First Act 2015, Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children 2017, the Addendum to Children First (2019) and Tusla Guidance on the preparation of Child Safeguarding Statements, the Council of the Irish Limousin Cattle Society has agreed the Child Safeguarding Statement as set out in this document.

The Designated Liaison Person (DLP) is Veronica Farrell

The Deputy Designated Liaison Person (DDL) is Gerry O'Connell

The Society recognises that child protection and welfare considerations are a requirement in the planning and execution of YMA events. The Society commits to the following principles of best practice in child protection and welfare:

The Society will:

- Recognise that the protection and welfare of children is of paramount importance, regardless of all other considerations.
- Fully comply with its statutory obligations under the Children First Act 2015 and other relevant legislation relating to the protection and welfare of children.

- Fully co-operate with the relevant statutory authorities in relation to child protection and welfare matters.
- Adopt safe practices to minimise the possibility of harm or accidents happening to children and protect workers from the necessity to take unnecessary risks that may leave themselves open to accusations of abuse or neglect.
- Develop a practice of openness with parents and encourage parental involvement in the holding of YMA events.
- Fully respect confidentiality requirements in dealing with child protection matters.

The Society will also adhere to the above principles in relation to any adult member with a special vulnerability.

The following procedures/measures are in place:

- In relation to the selection or recruitment of members to run YMA events and their suitability to work with children, the Society adheres to the statutory vetting requirements of the National Vetting Bureau (Children and Vulnerable Persons) Acts 2012 to 2016 and to the wider duty of care guidance set out in relevant Garda vetting documentation.

In relation to the provision of information and, where necessary, instruction and training to members in respect of the identification of the occurrence of harm (as defined in the 2015 Act) the Society:

- Has provided each member involved in the running of YMA events with a copy of the Society's Child Safeguarding Statement
- Ensures all new members involved in organising YMA events are provided with a copy of the Society's Child Safeguarding Statement
- In relation to reporting of child protection concerns to Tusla, all members involved in the organising and holding of YMA events are required to adhere to the procedures set out in the Child Protection Procedures, including those in relation to mandated reporting under the Children First Act 2015.
- The Council has appointed the above named DLP as the "relevant person" (as defined in the Children First Act 2015) to be the first point of contact in respect of the Society's child safeguarding statement.
- In accordance with the Children First Act 2015 and the Addendum to Children First (2019), the Council has carried out an assessment of any potential for harm to a child while attending the YMA event or participating in YMA activities. A written assessment setting out the areas of risk identified and the Society's procedures for managing those risks is included with the Child Safeguarding Statement.

The various procedures referred to in this Statement can be accessed via the Society's website or will be made available on request by the Society.

This statement has been published on the Society's website and has been provided to all members engaged in YMA events. It is readily accessible to parents and

guardians on request. A copy of this Statement will be made available to Tusla if requested.

This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed annually or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which this statement refers.

This Child Safeguarding Statement was adopted by the Irish Limousin Cattle Society Council on the 30/07/2024

Signed: Ann Hester
President of ILCS
Date: 30-7-24

Signed: Michael McInerney
Vice President of ILCS
Date: 30-7-
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