



CODE OF ETHICS & GOOD PRACTICE

Policy Statement

MGA Ireland is committed to creating and maintaining the safest environment for all young people and vulnerable adults who participate in our sport.

We are fully committed to safeguarding the well-being of all athletes. Every person should at all times, show respect and understanding for participants' rights and safety, and conduct themselves in a way that reflects the ethos of IMGGA and MGA Ireland. MGA Ireland operates under *the Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Children's Sport, Irish Sports Council 2006* and *Children's First: National Guidelines for Protection and Welfare of Children, Department of Health & Children 1999*. These documents are available for download on www.horsesportireland.ie

MGA is committed to ensuring that equity is incorporated across all aspects of its development.

The welfare of our young people in MGAI is our priority and we are committed to providing an environment that will allow participants perform, free from abuse, neglect, bullying and intimidation.

Every individual In MGAI who has a duty of care to children signs up and adheres to our Code of Conduct & Ethics, including: Administrators, Officials, Coaches, Volunteers, Parents and Guardians.

We will ensure careful recruiting and selecting of all our Coaches and Volunteers.

We will ensure Parents /Guardians and Children are given the appropriate opportunity to voice concerns at any given time.

We will ensure to have a Children's Officer, reporting to our Executive Committee. A Liaison Children's Officer will be appointed at all competitions.

The Children's Officer will ensure that young people can talk freely and have a voice in their Club. The Children's Officer's details will be easily available to all people.