



## Clubs & Societies | Code of Safe Practice *Self-Evaluation & Action Plan Template*



The Code of Safe Practice is a self-evaluation template and action plan that outlines how your Club/Society will manage your activities to ensure the safety and wellbeing of members and third parties who may be affected by the activities of the club/society.

Club/Society Officers have a key role to play in this regard and ultimately are responsible for ensuring that that the club/society operates in a safe manner. Club/Society Officers are responsible for bringing to the attention of all members the contents of this document, and for ensuring that in so far as is practicable all members adhere to the contents. At all times you must operate to any safety guidelines as laid down by your National Governing Body of Sport or Organisation. If guidelines exist they must be appended to this document.

The Code of Safe Practice must be reviewed and uploaded to the online management system on an annual basis to ensure that the contents are still relevant to the activities of the club/ society. If the club/society is participating in new and additional activities that may have safety implications the officers should draw up a policy to state how the club/society is going to minimize the risk associated with those activities. The receipt of funding from CLC/SLC is contingent on the receipt of an up-to-date Code of Safe Practice.

If you require assistance in the completion of this form please contact:

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- **SOCIETIES:** Siobhan Byrne, Clubs & Societies Finance & Development Officer, Office of Student Life, e-mail [siobhan.byrne@dcu.ie](mailto:siobhan.byrne@dcu.ie), Tel: 01-700 5585

- **DCU Health & Safety Office:** Paula Hawkins, Health & Safety Advise, e-mail [safety@dcu.ie](mailto:safety@dcu.ie), Tel: 01-700 7034

### Club/Society Participation Statement

The activities undertaken by Dublin City University Clubs and Societies carry an element of risk, including the risk of injury and death. Participants should be aware of and accept these risks and be responsible for their own actions and involvement.

### Individual Responsibilities

- All participants in Club activities are responsible for their own actions and for making their own assessment of risks. If they are unsure about any issue or have any problems, questions or concerns it is the individual's responsibility to raise these with leaders or committee members.
- It is the responsibility of the individual to bring to the attention of any trip/activity leaders any known medical condition or previous injuries that may affect their or other Club member's safe participation in canoeing activities.
- Members are encouraged to seek further training at every opportunity.
- It is the responsibility of the individual to report any damage, loss or failure of club equipment to their Club's Equipment Officer. There should be adequate notices around club storage to ensure that this procedure is followed at all times.
- It is the responsibility of the Parent or Guardian of members under 18 to read and sign a membership form on behalf of the member before any activity can take place. The form is : Sample application form Junior Members' available at [www.dcu.ie/sports-wellbeing](http://www.dcu.ie/sports-wellbeing)

CLUB/SOCIETY DETAILS	Information
Club/Society name:	<b>Young Fine Gael</b>
Date this Code of Safe Practice Completed:	<b>25/08/23</b>
Version Reference:	<b>4</b>
Outline the main activities undertaken by your club/soc:	<b>Guest Talks, Debates, Soup Kitchen</b>
Name of person(s) completing this form:	<b>Cormac Docherty</b>
Confirm the name(s) of the officer responsible for disseminating the Safe Code of Practice to members:	<b>Cormac Docherty Edel Daly</b>
Confirm the officer responsible for reporting all accidents to the DCU Health & Safety Officer, e-mail <a href="mailto:safety@dcu.ie">safety@dcu.ie</a> :	<b>Cillian Boggan</b>

Have you uploaded a copy of your club or society constitution?	<b>Yes</b>
<p>Please indicate if your club/soc is aware of: DCU Clubs &amp; Socs 'Keeping it Safe' guidance document available at:  <a href="https://sites.google.com/dcu.ie/dcuclubssocsoperationsmanual20/keeping-it-safe">https://sites.google.com/dcu.ie/dcuclubssocsoperationsmanual20/keeping-it-safe</a></p> <p><b>We are Aware</b></p> <p>Is there a National Governing Body (NGB) for your Sport/Society: <b>Yes</b></p> <p>If Yes please provide full name of NGB and website:  <b>Young Fine Gael</b>  <a href="https://www.yfg.ie/">https://www.yfg.ie/</a></p> <p>Does your NGB have a Safety Code: <b>No</b></p> <p>If Yes please attach a copy to this code or provide a web link to the policy:</p>	
Does your club/society comply with this NGB Safety code?	<b>Not applicable</b>
Do you have a copy of codes of practice or regulations for facilities that you use regularly? For DCU Sport information visit <a href="http://www.dcu.ie/info/regulations/sports.shtml">www.dcu.ie/info/regulations/sports.shtml</a>	<b>Not applicable</b>

<b>INSURANCE</b>	<b>Information</b>
Does your <b>NGB</b> require you to take insurance? If yes please give details and attach a copy of the policy.	<b>No</b>
Indicate how you have made your members aware of the <b>DCU Students' Personal Accident and insurance</b> cover? Please note the limitations of this policy and the exclusions that apply, see <a href="http://www.dcu.ie/info/insurance.shtml">www.dcu.ie/info/insurance.shtml</a>	Once new members have joined they will be sent an email of orientation documents for any questions they may need answered or information required to be an active member of the society.
Is your Club/Soc using you are using an external venue for hosting a DCU event? If yes have you notified Clubs & Socs or DCU Sports & Wellbeing so as <b>DCU's Public liability insurance</b> can be extended to this venue if required?	<b>Not Applicable</b>

Is your Club/Soc planning to host a major event on or off campus this year? If yes have you notified the Clubs & Socs or DCU Sports & Wellbeing so as <b>DCU's Public liability insurance</b> can be reviewed?	<b>Not Applicable</b>
Does your club/soc have the appropriate <b>Equipment Insurance</b> to protect your equipment in the event of fire and theft? If yes please provide details.	<b>Not Applicable</b>
Are you planning any <b>foreign trips</b> ? If so provide details of travel Insurance you have in place for this trip.	<b>No Trips planned</b>
Do your <b>Coaches/Instructors</b> have their own Professional Indemnity Insurance? If yes please attach a copy.	<b>Not Applicable</b>

<b>TRAINING &amp; COMPETENCIES</b>	<b>Information</b>
Have your committee members attended the DCU Event Management/ Health & Safety Workshop and the Incident Management workshop? Please indicate name(s) of Officers who attended.	<b>Yes, Cormac Docherty and Paddy Mulligan</b>
Please indicate if your committee and coaches have held a briefing session on training, instruction and health and safety applicable to their activity/facility.	<b>All potential outcomes of planned activities have been discussed extensively among the committee</b>
Please indicate the names and qualifications of coaches/instructors and indicate whether relevant certificates verifying qualifications and insurance has been received.	<b>Not Applicable</b>
Please list any competency tests for new / existing members conducted by the club/society. This could be in the form of an induction, accreditation, course or test.	<b>Not Applicable with the exception of those seeking to administer first aid who must display a relevant qualification.</b>

<b>EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>Information</b>
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<b>Types Of Equipment:</b> Indicate the various types/categories of equipment that the club uses and/or submit an equipment log.	<b>Not Applicable</b>
<b>Usage of Equipment:</b> indicate how members are trained as necessary in the safe use of all equipment supplied to them	<b>Not Applicable</b>
<b>Equipment Log:</b> who is responsible for maintaining a register of equipment that includes purchase dates, price etc	<b>Ruadhain Bonham</b>
<b>Checking Equipment before use:</b> Is equipment subject to a visual or written inspection for defects before use? Who is responsible?	<b>Not Applicable</b>
<b>Storing Equipment,</b> detail how and where equipment is stored, and/or transported.	<b>Not Applicable</b>
<b>Maintenance of Equipment as per manufacturers or NGB guidelines:</b> State the name of the Officers with responsibility for equipment maintenance and regular safety checks.	<b>Cillian Boggan</b>
<b>Damaged/Unwanted equipment/Disposal of equipment:</b> State your policy for damaged or unsafe equipment and disposal of old equipment.	<b>Any unsuitable or unnecessary equipment is to be taken to a suitable disposal centre by a member of the committee</b>
<b>Hire of Equipment:</b> Do you plan to hire equipment for use on campus where there is a high potential risk of an injury/accident? If so provide details. Note: Permission must be obtained from the Estates Office and the Health and Safety Office and/or a permit to work issued. Form is available at <a href="http://www.dcu.ie/estates/contractors.shtml">www.dcu.ie/estates/contractors.shtml</a>	<b>No.</b>
<b>Loaning Equipment:</b> Please outline your policy on loaning equipment to club members; please include details of club officer responsible for overseeing policy; records of loaned equipment; criteria for borrowing equipment, etc.	<b>Not Applicable</b>

<b>FIRST AID</b>	<b>Information</b>
High Risk Sports clubs must have at least one occupationally trained first aider. Please indicate if you are amongst this list and if you have a nominated first aider(s). List of High Risk Sports clubs is available from Keeping it Safe guidelines at <a href="http://www.dcue.ie/sports-wellbeing">www.dcue.ie/sports-wellbeing</a>	<b>The Chairperson (Cormac Docherty) is trained in first aid to REC 3 should it be required</b>

Please indicate the committee members that have attended the Casualty Management workshop held each October.	<b>Cormac Docherty and Paddy Mulligan</b>
If you are involved in an adventure sport you must have at least one member trained in Rescue and Emergency Care (REC). Indicate the names of the trained members and if they hold a REC 2 or REC 3.	Not Applicable
Does your club/soc have designated Athletic Therapy & Training students? If so please state names and a summary of when they provide services.	Not Applicable
Please indicate the committee member that is responsible for ensuring that the club has a fully stocked first aid kit. Please note First Aid supplies are fully funded by the CLC/SLC. Please contact Clubs & Socs or DCU Sports & Wellbeing for first aid supplies.	<b>Cormac Docherty and Cillian Boggan</b>
List your COVID Officers	<b>Holly Heeney and Shane Parkes</b>
Indicate the committee members who will complete the DCU Injury/Incident Report Form for accidents and near-misses available at <a href="https://www.dcu.ie/safety/incident_near_report_form.shtml">https://www.dcu.ie/safety/incident_near_report_form.shtml</a>	<b>Cormac Docherty, Edel Daly, Michael Finn</b>
If you are hosting a major event First Aid Provision must be must be arranged. Please provide details of provision for events if applicable.	<b>Not Applicable</b>

<b>RISK ASSESSMENT</b>	<b>Information</b>
Are Risk Assessments undertaken for all club/soc activities? If Yes please list the date of last risk assessment and please attach a copy (see template at end of this document)	<b>Yes</b>
Are Risk Assessments recorded and regularly reviewed? Please indicate how often risk assessments are reviewed.	<b>Yes (monthly)</b>
Please indicate which committee member is responsible for carrying out risk assessments for regular/new/once off club/society activity.	<b>Cormac Docherty</b>
Are Dynamic Risk Assessments carried out for trips and events and recorded? (see guidance at the end of this document)	<b>Yes should they become necessary</b>
<b>CLUB/SOCIETY SPECIFIC HEALTH &amp; SAFETY INFORMATION</b>	<b>Information</b>

Clubs/Societies should include any other area related to Health and Safety for their activity that requires action (e.g. National Governing Body or organisations Safety Code etc)	<b>Not Applicable</b>
<b>H&amp;S CONCERNS PROCEDURE</b>	<b>Information</b>
Please detail your procedures for members to identify concerns regarding Health and Safety during activities.	<b>Members with concerns may speak directly to any member of the committee who if the concerns are valid may act upon them in whichever way they see fit. Should they not feel comfortable doing this they may contact the society by email or social media.</b>

<b>TRIPS Checklist</b>	<b>Information</b> <i>You are advised to do a trip specific risk assessment / checklist for all individual trips</i>
<b>Trip Leaders:</b> do leaders have the necessary knowledge, experience and qualifications, where appropriate to lead a trip	<b>Not Applicable</b>
<b>Insurance:</b> Is all appropriate travel insurance for the group in place?	<b>Not Applicable</b>
<b>Risk Assessment:</b> for all activities should be undertaken and all possible control measures put in place	<b>Risk Assessments for planned activities has been completed</b>
<b>Dynamic Risk Assessment:</b> on the day of the activity should be undertaken and should consider the local environment, weather, leaders, opposition level etc (see guidance at the end of this document)	<b>Such assessments will be carried out closer to the hosting of the event for a more accurate assessment.</b>
<b>Safezone App:</b> Have you identified and set up the Safezone App? To find out more about setting up and using the app check the instructions at <a href="https://www.dcu.ie/ocoo/safezoneatdcu.shtml">https://www.dcu.ie/ocoo/safezoneatdcu.shtml</a>	<b>Not Applicable as no trips are in the planning process</b>
<b>Contingency Plans:</b> for reasonably foreseeable emergencies should be made.	<b>In the an event of necessity an alternative event shall be hosted in a suitable venue such as a local pub.</b>
<b>Beginners/Novice to Leader ratios:</b> Ensure that this ratio is appropriate for the trip in question.	<b>Not Applicable</b>
<b>Itinerary:</b> A full trip itinerary should be prepared and circulated to all members.	<b>Will be done if required for a trip</b>
<b>Travel:</b> How the party will move between the relevant locations and who will be driving the vehicles.	<b>Will be organised dependent on the location of a potential trip.</b>

<p><b>Trip Membership &amp; Activity form:</b> detailing date of the event, location, accommodation, transport, and the names and ID numbers of students participating in the trip. The trip Leader must ensure that 1 copy of this form is given to Siobhan Byrne, Clubs &amp; Societies Finance Officer and 1 copy is taken on the trip.</p>	<p><b>Such forms will be filled in the required event</b></p>
<p><b>Social:</b> You should advise your members on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where parties can safely go and when</li> <li>• What behaviour is acceptable</li> <li>• A minimum number of people in a group</li> </ul>	<p><b>Such advice will be distributed in the required event</b></p>
<p><b>Equipment:</b> This needs to be in proper working order and should be frequently checked throughout the trip</p>	<p><b>Such actions will be taken in the required event</b></p>
<p><b>First Aid:</b> You should ensure you have the appropriate first aiders available and the correct First Aid equipment and an accident reporting procedure.</p>	<p><b>Such actions will be taken in the required event</b></p>

EMERGENCY PROCEDURE	Information
<p>Please detail your Clubs/Socs procedures to be followed in an emergency. For tips see 'Keeping it Safe' available at <a href="https://sites.google.com/dcu.ie/dcuclubssocsoperationsmanual20/keeping-it-safe">https://sites.google.com/dcu.ie/dcuclubssocsoperationsmanual20/keeping-it-safe</a></p> <p>An Emergency procedure for your club/soc is listed below. Please provide details of how this is communicated to your members and also any additional actions that your club/soc does in an emergency</p>	<p><b>Emergency Procedure</b></p> <p>For all the planning and preparation, there still exists the possibility of emergencies occurring. All Accident and Incidents must be reported via the online report form on the DCU Health and Safety Website or via the DCU Accidents Report Form sent to the DCU Health &amp; Safety Office.</p> <p>In the event of an emergency, please follow carefully the guidelines as detailed below</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Stop and think. Assess the situation. Stay calm.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Ensure that the group is safe and accounted for.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Are there any hazards present that may affect the group?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Attend any casualties if it is safe to do so.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Give first aid within the groups capabilities.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Get expert help if required.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Get/ give any third party/ witness/insurance details if necessary.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Gather the information required by the Emergency Services:</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Name(s) of group members</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Number of people injured</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Locations of group members</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Medical condition of group.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> First Aid given</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Age(s) of group members</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Time of accident</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Equipment available to group</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Co-operate fully with the Emergency Services.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Someone from the group accompany casualties to hospital.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>In the event of a serious accident/incident contact DCU Security on 700-5999 (available 24 hours).</b></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Refer all media contact to the DCU Contact person and give no comment.</li> </ul> <p><b>-Procedure to be communicated via email upon joining the society and to be re-examined prior to any activity in person or via social media</b></p>
<b>CHILD PROTECTION POLICY</b>	<b>Information</b>
<p>Have you members under the age of 18? If so your coach must complete a 'Volunteer/Coach Application form for those with substantial access to children', available at <a href="http://www.dcu.ie/sports-wellbeing">www.dcu.ie/sports-wellbeing</a></p>	<b>No</b>
<p>Where members are under the age of 18 their parents should complete the 'Application form for new junior members', available at <a href="http://www.dcu.ie/sports-wellbeing">www.dcu.ie/sports-wellbeing</a></p>	<b>Should the situation arise appropriate actions will be taken</b>
<p>Are you aware of the Sports Ireland guidance on developing good practice for safeguarding children, through their 'Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Children's Sport in Ireland, available at <a href="https://www.sportireland.ie/Participation/Code_of_Ethics/">https://www.sportireland.ie/Participation/Code_of_Ethics/</a></p>	<b>Yes</b>
<p>Are you aware of your NGB information or recommendations in relation to good practice for safeguarding children?</p>	<b>Yes</b>

<p>Are you aware of the DCU child protection policy 'Keeping Children Safe, Policies and Procedures supporting Child Protection at DCU available at <a href="http://www.dcu.ie/equality/crc.shtml">www.dcu.ie/equality/crc.shtml</a></p>	<p><b>Yes</b></p>
<p><b>Garda Vetting:</b> Have your coaches undertaken Garda Vetting by DCU? The DCU Garda Vetting policy and forms are available at <a href="http://www.dcu.ie/hr/Garda-Vetting-DCU.shtml">www.dcu.ie/hr/Garda-Vetting-DCU.shtml</a></p>	<p><b>Not Applicable</b></p>

<p><b>GUIDELINES FOR BEHAVIOUR</b></p>	<p><b>Information</b></p>
<p>Please list guidelines for behaviour that club adheres to. These can be formal University, Facility or Club rules and regulations The following University documents may be useful:</p> <p>DCU Alcohol Policy, <a href="https://www.dcu.ie/students/az/alcohol-policy">https://www.dcu.ie/students/az/alcohol-policy</a></p> <p>DCU Respect &amp; Dignity Policy, <a href="http://www.dcu.ie/equality/dcu_policies.shtml">www.dcu.ie/equality/dcu_policies.shtml</a></p> <p>Student Sport Ireland Guidelines for Hosting an Intervarsity event, <a href="http://www.studentsport.ie/wp-content/uploads/2011/09/SSI-GUIDELINES-FOR-HOSTING-AN-INTERCOLLEGIATE-EVENT-2014-2015.pdf">www.studentsport.ie/wp-content/uploads/2011/09/SSI-GUIDELINES-FOR-HOSTING-AN-INTERCOLLEGIATE-EVENT-2014-2015.pdf</a></p>	<p><b><u>Anti-Bullying and Harassment Policy</u></b>  All members are to be treated with the utmost respect with a zero tolerance policay towards bigotry and discrimination whether it be with regards, to race, age, gender or social class.  Cases of harassment and misconduct, sexual or otherwise will be treated with the utmost seriousness and will be dealt with in conjunction with relevant authorities.</p> <p><b><u>Alcohol Policy</u></b>  Young Fine Gael will actively support the development of attractive alcohol-free cultural, social and entertainment programmes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Continue to prohibit the promotion of alcohol products and alcohol as an inducement to attending an event or join the society, alcohol sponsorship and alcohol as prizes</li> <li>- Prohibit events that encourage the rapid and/or excessive consumption of alcohol</li> <li>- Events that offer complimentary alcoholic drinks will comply with the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Advertising for events will not mention the availability of alcohol</li> <li>● Maximum of 1 standard drink allocated per person for any university organised function</li> <li>● Where alcoholic drinks are being provided, soft drinks will also be made available</li> <li>● Provision of free alcohol will be accompanied by food</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>- Young Fine Gael when wishing to organise events on campus involving alcohol will comply with the Office of Student Life event guidelines and will do so in the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the Student Centre licensed premises with the permission of the Bar Manager and under the conditions laid down by the City Centre Club Committee</li> <li>• By arrangement with the campus caterers, with the food and alcohol being supplied by the caterers.</li> </ul>
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<b>DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE</b>	<b>Information</b>
<p>Please detail how you will deal with breaches of the code of conduct.</p>	<p>Breaches of this code of conduct will be dealt with internally when suitable with a proportional sanction decided by the committee up to and including expulsion from the society.</p> <p>Should breaches be of a serious enough nature contact will be made with the relevant authorities depending on the severity of the breach.</p>

<b>CLUB OFFICERS</b>	<b>Information</b>
<p>Provide a summary of Officers roles and responsibilities, highlighting those specifically relating to health and safety. Who members should contact etc. For guidance see the Clubs &amp; Socs Handbook at <a href="http://www.dcu.ie/sports-wellbeing">www.dcu.ie/sports-wellbeing</a></p>	<p>Ensuring a safe environment for members to debate and take part, Make new friends and enjoy the world of debating. Members should contact Cormac Docherty or Ruadhain Bonham if they encounter any issues.</p>



## Code of Safe Practice Action list



Club/Society: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

AREA	ACTION Required (if any)	Lead Person	Target Date
CLUB DETAILS & RESOURCES			
INSURANCE			
TRAINING & COMPETENCIES			
EQUIPMENT			
FIRST AID			
TRIPS			
RISK ASSESSMENT			
EMERGENCY PROCEDURE			
CHILD PROTECTION POLICY			
GUIDELINES FOR BEHAVIOUR			
COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE			
DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE			
CLUB OFFICERS			
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## Dynamic Risk Assessment – on the day / by the hour!

### Outdoor Activities

### Trip Away / Night Out

<b>P</b>	<p><b>Previous</b> weather and/or water conditions            Ground conditions (wet / dry / frozen / flooded / landslide etc)            Wind / storm etc (could wind etc have caused damage – powerlines, trees etc)            River/Sea conditions (Flood, abnormally low etc)</p>	<p><b>Previous</b> knowledge of country/city/area            Culture / traditions / local customs / behavioural norms / acceptable dress / emergency services contact details etc</p>
<b>L</b>	<p><b>Local</b> knowledge            Particularly dangerous river sections/walk sections / cliffs / areas / local weather conditions</p>	<p><b>Local</b> knowledge (personal safety)            Unsafe areas, clubs/pubs/ getting help/ what to look out for / public transport options etc</p>
<b>O</b>	<p><b>Observation</b>            What is currently happening? – raining/snowing/ thunder clouds/ hot sun. Remain alert for changing conditions – be prepared to change plans/curtail activities based on changing conditions</p>	<p><b>Observation</b>            Stay alert – keep an eye on unfolding events. At least two people (Club/Society Officers) should remain sober and alert when on a trip/night out.</p>
<b>W</b>	<p><b>Weather</b> Forecast            Get area specific forecast – usually v accurate – weather may arrive a little earlier/later than forecast.</p>	<p><b>Watch</b> Out            for someone becoming detached from group / wandering off / getting into arguments etc</p>
<b>D</b>	<p><b>Doubt</b>            IF IN DOUBT- DON'T GO OUT! – have a BACK UP Plan (even if it is only card games in the local club/pub!)</p>	<p><b>Doubt</b>            IF IN DOUBT- GET THEM OUT! – have a BACK UP Plan (even if it is taxis home / back to accommodation)</p>

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