



Clubs & Societies | Code of Safe Practice

Self-Evaluation & Action Plan Template 25/26

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 Committee Officers have a key role to play in this regard and ultimately are responsible for ensuring that the club/society operates in a safe manner. You 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 minimise 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:

- **CLUBS:** Yvonne McGowan, Senior Sports Development Officer, Sports & Wellbeing, e-mail yvonne.mcgowan@dcu.ie. Tel: 01-700 5811

- **SOCIETIES:** Siobhan Byrne, Head of Clubs & Societies, Office of Student Life, e-mail siobhan.byrne@dcu.ie, Tel: 01-700 5585

- **DCU Health & Safety Office:** Paula Hawkins, Health & Safety Advice, e-mail 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

CLUB/SOCIETY DETAILS	Information
Club/Society name:	Nursing society
Date this Code of Safe Practice Completed:	06/04/2026
Version Reference:	First
Outline the main activities undertaken by your club/soc:	To organise range of activities for nursing students, including social and educational events both online and in person. These include social gatherings such as movie nights, table quizzes, and mixers to support student engagement and wellbeing. To run educational events such as guest lectures, skills workshops, and career talks relevant to nursing practice. Trips and outings related to healthcare and professional development may be organised. All activities aim to support the academic, professional, and social development of nursing students.

Name of person(s) completing this form:	Marta Piasecka
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Confirm the name(s) of the officer responsible for disseminating the Safe Code of Practice to members:	Chairperson – Marta Piasecka
Confirm the officer responsible for reporting all accidents to the DCU Health & Safety Officer, e-mail safety@dcu.ie :	Chairperson – Marta Piasecka
Have you uploaded a copy of your club or society constitution?	Yes
<p>Please indicate if your club/soc is familiar with: DCU Clubs & Socs 'Keeping it Safe' guidance document available at: https://sites.google.com/dcu.ie/dcclubssocsoperationsmanual20/keeping-it-safe</p> <p>Is there a National Governing Body (NGB) for your Sport/Society: No</p> <p>If Yes please provide full name of NGB and website:</p> <p>Does your NGB have a Safety Code: No</p> <p>If Yes please attach a copy to this code or provide a web link to the policy:</p> <p>Does your club/society comply with this NGB Safety code? Not applicable</p>	
<p>Do you have a copy of codes of practice or regulations for facilities</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Not applicable that you use regularly?</p>	

INSURANCE	Information
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Does your NGB require you to take insurance? If yes please give details and attach a copy of the policy.	Not Applicable
Indicate how you have made your members aware of the DCU Students' Personal Accident and insurance cover? Please note the limitations of this policy and the exclusions that apply, see DCU Insurance Policy 2022	Not Applicable

Is your Club/Soc using an external venue for hosting a DCU event? If yes have you notified Clubs & Socs or DCU Sports & Wellbeing so as DCU's Public liability insurance can be extended to this venue if required?	No
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 DCU's Public liability insurance can be reviewed?	No
Does your club/soc have the appropriate Equipment Insurance to protect your equipment in the event of fire and theft? If yes please provide details.	Not Applicable
Are you planning any overseas trips ? If so, provide details of travel Insurance you have in place for this trip.	No
Do your Coaches/Instructors have their own Professional Indemnity Insurance? If yes please attach a copy.	Not Applicable

TRAINING & COMPETENCIES	Information
Have your committee members attended the DCU Event Management/ Health & Safety Workshop and the Incident Management workshop? Please indicate the name(s) of Officers who attended.	Attended healthy relationships workshop.
Please indicate if your committee and coaches have held a briefing session on training, instruction and health and safety applicable to their activity/facility.	No
Please indicate the names and qualifications of coaches/instructors and indicate whether relevant certificates verifying qualifications and insurance has been received.	Not Applicable

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.	No competency tests anyone that is interested can join
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EQUIPMENT	Information
Types Of Equipment: Indicate the various types/categories of equipment that the club uses and/or submit an equipment log.	Not applicable

<p>Usage of Equipment: indicate how members are trained as necessary in the safe use of all equipment supplied to them</p>	<p>Not Applicable</p>
<p>Equipment Log: who is responsible for maintaining a register of equipment to include purchase dates, price etc</p>	<p>Not Applicable</p>
<p>Checking Equipment before use: Is equipment subject to a visual or written inspection for defects before use? Who is responsible?</p>	<p>Not Applicable</p>
<p>Storing Equipment, detail how and where equipment is stored, and/or transported.</p>	<p>Not Applicable</p>
<p>Maintenance of Equipment as per manufacturers or NGB guidelines: State the name of the Officers with responsibility for equipment maintenance and regular safety checks.</p>	<p>Not Applicable</p>
<p>Damaged/Unwanted equipment/Disposal of equipment: State your policy for damaged or unsafe equipment and disposal of old equipment.</p>	<p>Not Applicable</p>
<p>Hire of Equipment: Do you plan to hire equipment for use on campus where there is a high risk of a potential 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 www.dcu.ie/estates/contractors.shtml</p>	<p>Not Applicable</p>

<p>Loaning Equipment: Please outline your policy on loaning equipment to club members; please include details of the club officer responsible for overseeing policy; records of loaned equipment; criteria for borrowing equipment, etc.</p>	<p>Not Applicable</p>
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FIRST AID	Information
<p>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 www.dcu.ie/sports-wellbeing</p>	<p>Not a member of High Risk Sports clubs. The club has nursing students that are qualified first aider- BLS and first aider qualified</p>
<p>Please indicate the committee members that have attended the Casualty Management workshop held early in Semester 1.</p>	<p>Any available committee members to attend this workshop in Semester One, once it occur</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>Not Applicable</p>
<p>Does your club/soc have designated Athletic Therapy & Training students? If so please state names and a summary of when they provide services.</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>

List your COVID Officers	Chairperson- Marta Piasekca
Indicate the committee members who will complete the DCU Injury/Incident Report Form for accidents and near-misses available at https://www.dcu.ie/safety/incident_near_report_form.shtml	Chairperson- Marta Piasekca
If you are hosting a major event First Aid Provision must be arranged. Please provide details of provision for events if applicable.	n/a

RISK ASSESSMENT	Information
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)	No , risk assessments are prepared annually . This is the first establishment of nursing society risk assessment prepared 06/04/2026
Are Risk Assessments recorded and regularly reviewed? Please indicate how often risk assessments are reviewed.	Risk assessments recorded and reviewed on an annual basis.
Please indicate which committee member is responsible for carrying out risk assessments for regular/new/once off club/society activity.	Chairperson
Are Dynamic Risk Assessments carried out for trips and events and recorded? (see guidance at the end of this document)	yes
CLUB/SOCIETY SPECIFIC HEALTH & SAFETY INFORMATION	Information

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)	n/a
H&S CONCERNS PROCEDURE	Information
Please detail your procedures for members to identify concerns regarding Health and Safety during activities.	Members can contact committee members in person or via email to raise concerns, or contact the society directly via the society email.

TRIPS Checklist	Information <i>You are required to do a trip specific risk assessment / checklist for all individual trips</i>
Trip Leaders: do leaders have the necessary knowledge, experience and qualifications, where appropriate to lead a trip	To be completed when planning for trips
Insurance: Is all appropriate travel insurance for the group in place?	To be completed when planning for trips
Risk Assessment: for all activities should be undertaken and all possible control measures put in place	To be completed when planning for trips

Dynamic Risk Assessment: 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)	To be completed when planning for trips
Safezone App: Have you identified and set up the Safezone App? To find out more about setting up and using the app check the instructions at https://www.dcu.ie/ocoo/safezoneatdcu.shtml	To be completed when planning for trips

<p>Contingency Plans: for reasonably foreseeable emergencies should be made.</p>	<p>To be completed when planning for trips</p>
<p>Beginners/Novice to Leader ratios: Ensure that this ratio is appropriate for the trip in question.</p>	<p>To be completed when planning for trips</p>
<p>Itinerary: A full trip itinerary should be prepared and circulated to all members.</p>	<p>To be completed when planning for trips</p>
<p>Travel: How the party will move between the relevant locations and who will be driving the vehicles.</p>	<p>To be completed when planning for trips</p>
<p>Trip Registration & Activity form: 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 uploaded to the online management system and 1 copy is taken on the trip.</p>	<p>To be completed when planning for trips</p>
<p>Social: You should advise your members on the following:</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where parties can safely go and when • What behaviour is acceptable • A minimum number of people in a group 	<p>To be completed when planning for trips</p>
<p>Equipment: This needs to be in proper working order and should be frequently checked throughout the trip</p>	<p>To be completed when planning for trips</p>
<p>First Aid: You should ensure you have the appropriate first aiders available and the correct First Aid equipment and an accident reporting procedure.</p>	<p>To be completed when planning for trips</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 https://sites.google.com/dcu.ie/dcuclubsocsoperationsmanual20/keeping-it-safe</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>Society Chairperson will be responsible for communicating this information to all members early in Semester One, and all members will be made aware of how they can access this in case of emergency. Society Chair to be notified immediately of any incident, to enable completion of injury/incident report form</p> <p>Emergency Procedure</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 and sent to the DCU Health & 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"> <input type="checkbox"/> Stop and think. Assess the situation. Stay calm. <input type="checkbox"/> Ensure that the group is safe and accounted for. <input type="checkbox"/> Are there any hazards present that may affect the group? <input type="checkbox"/> Attend any casualties if it is safe to do so. <input type="checkbox"/> Give first aid within the group's capabilities. <input type="checkbox"/> Get expert help if required. <input type="checkbox"/> Get/ give any third party/ witness/insurance details if necessary. <input type="checkbox"/> Gather the information required by the Emergency Services: Name(s) of group members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Number of people injured <input type="checkbox"/> Locations of group members <input type="checkbox"/> Medical condition of the group. <input type="checkbox"/> First Aid given <input type="checkbox"/> Age(s) of group members

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Time of accident <input type="checkbox"/> Equipment available to group <input type="checkbox"/> Cooperate fully with the Emergency Services. <input type="checkbox"/> Someone from the group accompanied the casualties to hospital. <input type="checkbox"/> In the event of a serious accident/incident contact DCU Security on 700-5999 (available 24 hours). <input type="checkbox"/> Refer all media contact to Siobhán Byrne, Head of Clubs and Socs, and give no comment.
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CHILD PROTECTION POLICY	Information
<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 www.dcu.ie/sports_wellbeing</p>	<p>N/A, to be completed if society gains any members under 18</p>
<p>Where members are under the age of 18 their parents should complete the 'Application form for new junior members', available at www.dcu.ie/sports-wellbeing</p>	<p>N/A, to be completed if society gains any members under 18</p>
<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 https://www.sportireland.ie/Participation/Code_of_Ethics/</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Are you aware of your NGB information or recommendations</p>	<p>N/A</p>

in relation to good practice for safeguarding children?	
Are you aware of the DCU child protection policy ‘Keeping Children Safe, Policies and Procedures supporting Child Protection at DCU available at https://www.dcu.ie/advice/respect-dignity	Yes

GUIDELINES FOR BEHAVIOUR	Information
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<p>Please list guidelines for behaviour that the club adheres to. These can be formal University, Facility or Club rules and regulations. The following University documents may be useful: DCU Alcohol Policy, https://www.dcu.ie/students/az/alcohol-policy</p> <p>DCU Respect & Dignity Policy, https://www.dcu.ie/advice/respectdignity</p> <p>Student Sport Ireland Guidelines for Hosting an Intersport event, www.studentsport.ie/wp-content/uploads/2011/09/SSI-GUIDELINESFOR-HOSTING-AN-INTERCOLLEGIATE-EVENT-2014-2015.pdf</p>	<p>Members must adhere to the university code of conduct at all events. Members must also adhere strictly to the society Covid protocols circulated to all members via email at the beginning of the college semester</p> <p>Code of Conduct for Club/Society Committee Members DCU Respect & Dignity Policy</p>
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DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE	Information
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<p>Please detail how you will deal with breaches of the code of conduct.</p>	<p>Continued breach of code of conduct and covid protocols may result in the removal or refusal of admission of offending members from society events in the interest of the health and safety of all other attendees.</p>
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<p>CLUB OFFICERS</p>	<p>Information</p>
<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 & Socs Handbook at www.dcu.ie/sports-wellbeing</p>	<p>All committee members act as a point of contact for all society members to communicate health and safety concerns and request that they are discussed at any upon coming committee meetings.</p>



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Action list

Club/Society: Nursing society Date: 06/04/2026

AREA	ACTION Required (if any)	Lead Person	Target Date
CLUB DETAILS & RESOURCES	N/A	Marta piasecka	N/A
INSURANCE	N/A	Marta piasecka	N/A
TRAINING & COMPETENCIES	Briefing session with club members about training, health and safety, emergency procedures, et	Marta piasecka	30/09/26
EQUIPMENT	N/A	Marta Piasecka	30/09/26
FIRST AID	All nursing students complete first aid training in year 1 and do it	Marta Piasecka	30/09/26

	again in year 3		
TRIPS	Discussion over coming weeks around details for possible trip to be planned by the society, and any required steps to be taken.	Marta Piasecka	When/if applicable
RISK ASSESSMENT	N/A	Marta Piasecka	When Required
EMERGENCY PROCEDURE	Communicate emergency procedure information to all society members. committee to review and become familiar with this information.	Marta Piasecka	30/09/26
CHILD PROTECTION POLICY	N/A	Marta Piasecka	N/A
GUIDELINES FOR BEHAVIOUR	N/A	Marta Piasecka	N/A
COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE	N/A	Marta Piasecka	N/A
DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE	N/A	Marta Piasecka	N/A
CLUB OFFICERS	N/A	Marta Piasecka	N/A
OTHER	N/A	Marta Piasecka	N/A
OTHER	N/A	Marta Piasecka	N/A
OTHER	N/A	Marta Piasecka	N/A

DCU Clubs / Socs Activity Risk Assessment Template

Outline of hazards associated with club/society activities and measures the club/society takes or will take to minimize risk of injury to members or third parties

Hazard / Activity with potential to cause injury	Controls Already in Place <i>(what actions /procedures are you already doing to minimize possibility of injury)</i>	Risk Category (High/Medium/Low) <i>(considering the actions / procedures you already have in place)</i>	Further Controls Being Implemented To Reduce Risk <i>(eg First Aid / area to be inspected prior to start Require equipment test certs etc)</i>	Date to be Completed <i>Can be – 1 on the day 2 every time the equipment is taken out 3 Nov xxth (If a once off task) etc</i>
Trips, slips, and falls in classrooms or event spaces	Rooms booked through DCU; general housekeeping maintained; bags kept away from walkways	Low	Pre-event room inspection; designate clear walkways	Before each events
Educational event	Activities take place in classroom in DCU and use training equipment where appropriate to practice clinical skills.	Low	Supervised by trained committee members – (eg) 3rd year nursing student helping a 1st year nursing student with clinical skills.	Before each event
Outdoor events (e.g., field	- pre trip safety meetings - Buddy system for	Low/medium	-Carry emergency contact lists. - Ensure	Before going on a

trips)	each individual - First aid kit available and each nursing student trained in CPR in case of emergency.		transportation is safe and reliable. - Provide members with identification badges.	outdoor event/trip
General Emergency - Fire	All students are to continue to follow all university guidelines for evacuation upon the sounding of a fire alarm.	low		


- Committee members will ensure compliance with the DCU Clubs & Socs Operations Manual.
- Educational events are generally low risk, as they are classroom-based and non-physical Social events are low risk.
- Risks are generally Low to Medium when proper supervision and DCU guidelines are followed

Dynamic Risk Assessment – on the day / by the hour!

Outdoor Activities Trip Away / Night Out

P	Previous 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)	Previous knowledge of country/city/area Culture / traditions / local customs / behavioural norms / acceptable dress / emergency services contact details etc
L	Local knowledge Particularly dangerous river sections/walk sections / cliffs / areas / local weather conditions	Local knowledge (personal safety) Unsafe areas, clubs/pubs/ getting help/ what to look out for / public transport options etc

O	Observation 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	Observation 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.
W	Weather Forecast Get area specific forecast – usually v accurate – weather may arrive a little earlier/later than forecast.	Watch Out for someone becoming detached from group / wandering off / getting into arguments etc
D	Doubt IF IN DOUBT- DON'T GO OUT! – have a BACK UP Plan (even if it is only card games in the local club/pub!)	Doubt IF IN DOUBT- GET THEM OUT! – have a BACK UP Plan (even if it is taxis home / back to accommodation)

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