



What Training Do You Need 26/27 Season?¹

Safeguarding Training

Appropriate training for those working with children and adults in sport is directed by Sport Ireland and Sport Northern Ireland and should be sport related. While you may have completed safeguarding training in another sphere it will be necessary to complete IRFU safeguarding training as laid out below.

Role	Training	When
Parent	Club Briefing <i>(likely to be arranged by the CWO)</i>	Start of each season.
Coach ²	Club Briefing <i>(likely to be arranged by the CWO)</i> IRFU Safeguarding Course (SG1) 26/27 <i>(online module, register using the relevant provincial link)</i> https://educationstore.irfu.ie/catalog?pagename=IRFU-SP-SG	Start of each season. Prior to being active in the role. Renew every 3 years.
Club Welfare Officer (CWO)	CWO Start of Season Briefing <i>(online, arranged by Spirit of Rugby Team)</i> IRFU Safeguarding Course (SG1) 26/27 and <i>(online module, register using the relevant provincial link)</i> https://educationstore.irfu.ie/catalog?pagename=IRFU-SP-SG IRFU Safeguarding for Club Welfare Officers (SG2) <i>(online module & virtual classroom, arranged by Spirit of Rugby Team)</i>	Start of each season. As soon as possible after taking up the role. Renew every 3 years.

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² Term applied to all roles within rugby taking responsibility for supporting the development of children or adults playing the game. Individuals may have other names or roles such as 'helper', 'assistant', 'manager' etc.

Role	Training	When
Club Officials including CWO	IRFU Reporting Safeguarding Concerns (for Club Officials) (SG3) <i>(online module & virtual classroom, arranged by Spirit of Rugby Team)</i>	As and when offered. Renew every 3 years.

In addition there will be online briefings/workshops offered throughout the season. These will be arranged by the Spirit of Rugby Team and will identify the audience when circulated through the CWOs.

Coaching Awards

To be qualified as a Coach you must complete a Coaching Award relevant to the age-group you are coaching, complete the Active Coach Badge for the current season and be IRFU Safeguarding Approved (vetted and safeguarding training completed) <https://educationstore.irfu.ie/catalog?pagename=IRFU-CD-DEPT>

Other Training

There is range of training available through the IRFU <https://educationstore.irfu.ie/> (under Spirit/EDI). This list is not exhaustive, as new courses will be added as they become available:

- Autism Awareness
- Disability Awareness
- Diversity and Inclusion
- Mental Health
- One Good Coach
- Safeguarding
- Tackling Bullying Behaviour

Additional Support:



[IRFU website](https://www.irishrugby.com)



Club Welfare Officer

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