

**Kildare Sports Partnership**  
**Annual Committee Assurance Statement to Sport Ireland**  
**Governance Code for Sport**  
**(Local Authority Local Sports Partnership)**

**PART A – Principles of the Governance Code for Sport**

**Leading our Organisation**

1. The Committee of Kildare Sports Partnership, confirms that it has agreed a written statement outlining the Local Sports Partnership’s mission, values and objectives.
2. The Committee confirms it has agreed a yearly work plan that sets out: objectives, timelines, targets, budget and a funding plan.
3. The Committee confirms there is a monitoring and evaluation system in place for the yearly work plan.

**Exercising Control Over our Organisation**

4. The Committee of Kildare Sports Partnership confirms that it has satisfied itself that it complies with all relevant legal and regulatory requirements.
5. The Committee confirms it is satisfied that appropriate internal financial and management controls are being complied with.  
Including as follows
  - a. The Committee monitors the financial position
  - b. The Committee signs off on the Sport Ireland Financial Template<sup>1</sup>
6. The Committee in conjunction with the Executive has identified risks and put a plan in place to deal with identified risks.

**Being transparent and accountable**

7. The Committee has ensured that Kildare Sports Partnership’s annual activity report is widely available and easy to access on the organisation’s website and elsewhere.

**Working Effectively**

8. The Committee has ensured that all Committee members and sub-committee members are familiar with the Governance Code for Sport and the Local Sports Partnership’s governing documents.
9. The Committee confirms that it has reviewed in the last 12 months the way it works and identified potential improvements.
10. The Committee confirms that new Board members are given a copy of the governing document, yearly work plan, policy positions, recent committee minutes and this Governance Code.

**Behaving with Integrity**

11. The Committee confirms that a code of conduct/guidelines for Committee members has been put in place that outlines the expected standards of behaviour and which includes clear guidelines on the receipt of gifts and hospitality and Committee confidentiality. Committee members have signed a commitment to the Code of Conduct.
12. The Committee confirms that it has developed a policy on ‘conflicts of interest’ and ‘conflicts of loyalty’ and the requirements of the Governance Code for Sport in relation to conflicts of interest and loyalty are being complied with.

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<sup>1</sup> As per clause 6.10 in Sport Ireland’s Terms & Conditions of Grant Investment

**PART B Assurance Statement – Exception Report**

Please provide details of any significant control issues that are likely to affect compliance with the Governance Code for Sport and/or delivery against policies, aims and objectives. If applicable, please also record reasons why the information provided in the Assurance Statement was not unanimously agreed by Committee members.

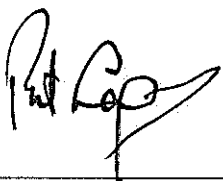
The Kildare Sports Partnership Committee wish to state that there are no control issues likely to affect compliance with the Governance Code but wish to state that while the KSP Committee has ultimate responsibility for all KSP strategic matters, as a Local Authority LSP it is recognised that the KSP Committee members cannot be aware of, or supervise the wide range of activities undertaken by KSP operating under the auspices of KCC. However, KSP Committee Members have responsibility to ensure that such structures and processes are in place to ensure that practices, processes and activities are operated to the very highest standards, in line with the KSP strategic plan and TOR.

**PART C Governance Code for Sport**

1. The Committee of Kildare Sports Partnership understands that adoption of the Governance Code for Sport is a key action within the Government’s National Sports Policy, and is a requirement under Sport Ireland’s Terms and Conditions of Grant Investment.
2. A core feature of the Governance Code for Sport is that it is principles based. The Committee understands that adherence to the Code is on a self-assessed basis by each organisation. Each year the Committee must self-assess its practices against those recommended in this Code to ensure that it is still compliant. The Committee understands that it must maintain a Compliance Record Form on file that attests and evidences the compliance with the practices of the Code.
3. The Committee of Kildare Sports Partnership confirms to Sport Ireland that the Governance Code for Sport has been adopted and is being complied with. Any areas not being complied with are listed and explained within the included Kildare Sports Partnership Comply or Explain Form, last updated at a Committee meeting on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

**PART D Acknowledgement of Ownership**

1. The Committee of Kildare Sports Partnership acknowledges its collective responsibility for the effective management of the organisation, including managing and monitoring the financial and other resources, key risks, and compliance with the Governance Code for Sport.
2. The responses given above were agreed by the Committee of Kildare Sports Partnership at a Committee meeting on September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Any areas of contention are detailed within Part B (Exception Report) above and/or Part C (attached Comply or Explain Form).

Signed:  Chair, on behalf of the KSP Committee	
Date:	5 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2023