



1. How are parents covered if they help out?

They are covered if they take an action against the Association as Third Parties. The Personal Accident policy does not provide any cover. The type of event that would cause a claim would be where the parent was hurt helping at club training raking long jump etc.

2. How do we cater for new members trying out facility?

All clubs are covered to have/allow members use their facilities for a few weeks to see if they are happy to join. They are not covered to compete.

3. Are other clubs coaches allowed coach our athletics?

Once a coach is a registered member of AAI and holds an approved Athletics Ireland Coaching Qualification and has the consent of the club that they are a member of and the club the athlete is a member of, they will be covered to coach any registered athlete from any club.

4. Can a coach coach athletes of a club anywhere?

No, coaches can only use facilities or venues approved by the club and also club should ensure their coaches fully comply with the relevant child protection codes

5. Where can clubs train?

Clubs can train at any suitable location approved by the club committee.

6. Must we get an indemnity letter before we use any facility?

No, the policy covers training at any suitable unspecified location.

7. How do I get the farmer whose lands we want to use for a race covered?

Contact Mc Mahon Galvin and they will issue you with an indemnity form that you can pass to the farmer. It will list the farmer or other property owner as a named party.

8. Are people covered to carry athletes in their car?

Not on our policies as motorists are obliged to have Motor Insurance. The owner will need to ask their own Motor Insurer if they have adequate cover. Most insurers cover transport of athletes once the car driver/owner is a volunteer and not being paid.

Child Protection Guidelines need to be followed

9. Are social events covered?

Yes, cover automatically includes all normal social or fundraising activities. It does not provide cover for hazardous events (Ice skating, bungee jumping etc.).



10. Are Open Sports covered?

They are for athletic events (but tug of war, puck fada etc, are not covered).

11. If an athlete is spiked at a Cross Country race is there cover?

The Personal Accident policy will provide them with limited medical cover. If the course was constructed dangerously then there would also be cover for the organisations if an athlete takes an action against the organisers.

12. Is there any cover for hamstring or other injuries incurred in training?

No, the only cover in place is for situations where the injury is as a result of an accident at an official club training session. If you twist your ankle on a road run/or other unofficial training run, there is no cover.

13. What is the lowest age group I can accept into the club?

There is no lower age group once the club committee are happy that there are adequate resources to protect younger children and also bearing in mind the children in sport code of ethics.

14. What is the lowest age for competition?

Under 9's (those aged 8 in year of competition) is the lowest age group that can compete in National, Regional, or County Events as per the Constitution and Bye-Laws of Athletics Ireland.

In respect of Inter Club Events, competition is permitted for all ages so long as there is no Stepping Stones (winners do not qualify to other Competitions).

Club competitions for own members or Open sports where there are prizes for all fall into the development part of the cover and once there is only one such event per club per annum then cover operates.

There is no minimum age group at which clubs may take children as members.

The only restrictions in this regard are those imposed by our Constitution rather than by our insurers.

15. What are the medical cover benefits?

On the Personal Accident Policy any registered member who is injured in an official club event there is cover for up to €3,500.00 per person for medical and physio benefits. The policy is subject to an excess of €50.00 and also the physio benefit is required to be recommended by a medical practitioner. The cover is for up to 6 trips to physio or a limit of €500.00 whichever is lesser and subject to above conditions.