Safety Statement for University of Limerick Badminton Club

At University of Limerick Badminton Club, the safety and well-being of our members, guests, and participants are of paramount importance. We are committed to creating a safe and enjoyable environment for everyone involved in our badminton activities. To achieve this goal, we have developed the following safety statement, guidelines, and protocols:

1. Facility Safety:

- a. All club activities shall take place in facilities that meet safety standards and are well-maintained.
- b. Adequate lighting and ventilation shall be provided in all playing areas.
- c. Floors, equipment, and court boundaries shall be regularly inspected for safety hazards, and any issues shall be promptly addressed.

2. Equipment Safety:

- a. Badminton rackets and shuttlecocks shall be inspected regularly for damage and replaced as needed.
- b. Members and participants shall be educated on the proper use and care of equipment to minimize the risk of accidents.

3. First Aid and Emergency Response:

- a. First aid supplies shall be available at all club events and activities.
- b. Designated club members shall be trained in basic first aid and CPR.
- c. Emergency contact information for local medical facilities shall be readily accessible.

4. Hygiene and Health:

- a. Participants are encouraged to maintain good personal hygiene.
- b. Hand sanitizers and sanitizing stations shall be available at club events.
- c. Members or participants feeling unwell or exhibiting symptoms of illness are encouraged to stay home.

5. Supervision and Conduct:

a. Adequate supervision shall be provided during club activities, especially when minors are involved.

- b. Members and participants are expected to adhere to a code of conduct that promotes respectful and safe interactions.
- c. Any incidents or safety concerns shall be reported to club leadership for investigation and appropriate action.

6. Fire Safety:

- a. Fire evacuation plans shall be posted in playing venues, and members shall be familiar with these plans.
- b. Smoking and open flames are prohibited in indoor playing areas.

7. COVID-19 Safety:

a. In the event of a public health crisis such as a pandemic, the club shall follow government guidelines and implement safety measures, including social distancing, mask-wearing, and vaccination requirements as applicable.

8. Safety Training:

- a. Members shall receive safety training, including information on emergency procedures and club safety policies.
- b. New members and participants shall be provided with an orientation on safety guidelines and protocols.

9. Continuous Improvement:

- a. The club leadership shall regularly review and update safety policies and procedures to reflect best practices and address emerging safety concerns.
- b. Members are encouraged to provide feedback and suggestions for improving safety.

By adhering to this safety statement and working together, we can ensure that Limerick Badminton Club remains a safe and enjoyable place for all badminton enthusiasts. Safety is a collective responsibility, and we are committed to fostering a culture of safety within our club.

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