

Glenroe Bord na n-Óg

Code of Behaviour/Discipline 2025



Club players should be entitled to:

- Be safe and feel safe.
- Have fun and experience a sense of enjoyment and fulfilment.
- Be treated with respect, dignity and sensitivity.
- Comment and make suggestions in a constructive manner.
- Be afforded appropriate confidentiality.
- Participate in games and competitions at levels with which they feel comfortable.
- Make their concerns known and have them dealt with in an appropriate manner.
- Be protected from abuse.
- Be listened to.

Club players should always:

- Play fairly, do their best and enjoy themselves.
- Respect fellow team members regardless of ability, cultural or ethnic origin, gender and religious beliefs.
- Support fellow team members regardless of whether they do well or not.
- Represent their team, their **club** and their family with pride and dignity.
- Respect all **coaches, officials, referees** and their opponents.
- Be gracious in defeat and modest in victory.
- Shake hands before and after a game as part of the ***Give Respect Get Respect*** initiative, irrespective of the result.
- Inform their **coach/mentor/manager** in advance if they are unavailable for training and games.
- Take due care of club equipment.
- Know that it is acceptable to talk to the club ***Children's Officer*** with any concerns or questions they may have.
- Adhere to acceptable standards of behaviour and their Club's Code of Discipline.
- Tell somebody else if they or others have been harmed in any way.
- Stay on the GAA pitch in their area unless told so by their coach.
- Stay on the GAA pitch until their **parent/guardian** collects them.
- Use their **phone** to make phone calls/send text messages **only**.

Club players should engage in good practice:

- Never cheat – always play by the rules.
- Never shout at or argue with a game's official, with their **coach**, their **teammates** or opponents and should never use violence.
- Never use unfair or bullying tactics to gain advantage or isolate other players.
- Never spread rumours.
- Never tell lies about adults *or* other young people.
- Never play *or* train if they feel unwell or are injured.
- Never use unacceptable language or racial and/or sectarian references to an opponent, a fellow player or official by words, deeds or gesture.

Parents/Guardians should always:

- Encourage their child/children to play by the rules.
- Respect coaches, officials and opponents.
- **Remain in GAA Grounds for the duration of the session if child is under the age of 10.**
- Assist the team and co-operate with the club as requested.
- Never enter the field of play unless invited to do so.
- Do not exert undue pressure on your own or any other child.
- Be responsible to get their child/children onto the pitch safely.

Club Coaches should always:

- Use a child-centred approach and respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person.
- Treat each person equally regardless of age, gender, ability, ethnic origin, cultural background or religion.
- Be positive during coaching sessions, games and other activities so that underage players always leave with a sense of achievement and an increased level of self-esteem.
- Recognise the development needs and capacity of all underage players, regardless of their ability, by emphasising participation for all while avoiding excessive training and competition.
- Ensure that skills development and personal satisfaction have priority over competition when working with underage players.
- Develop an understanding of relevant coaching methods and ensure that they have the appropriate level of coaching accreditation.
- Not equate losing with failure and do not develop a preoccupation with medals and trophies.
- Ensure the level of improvement made by underage players is the best indicator of effective coaching.
- Always lead by example, promote **Fair Play** and **Respect**.
- Be accompanied by at least one other GAA coach until all children have left the GAA Grounds until all children have been collected.
- Be responsible for all children present 5 minutes before training commences.

This Code of Behaviour addresses the minimum levels of behaviour, practice and conduct required from our Parents/Guardians Coaches and Club Players.