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Club Policy Relating to Alcohol  
and Substance Abuse and Code  
of Behaviour

# Longford Slashers Club Policy Relating to Drugs and Alcohol - Part 1

- The use of any illegal drugs, as outlined above, by any of our members on, or in the vicinity of our grounds, or whilst participating in a Club activity, at any venue, is strictly forbidden.
- The use of performance enhancing drugs by any of our members is strictly forbidden and all coaches are to be informed that this policy must be adhered to.
- Where it is proved that a member of Longford Slashers GAA Club is in possession of controlled drugs for unlawful sale or supply, their membership will be immediately revoked and they will be expelled from our Club.
- Management at Longford Slashers GAA Club will ensure that the laws relating to underage drinking will be strictly adhered to. Production of National Age Card, as a proof of age will be sought, as appropriate.
- Management at Longford Slashers GAA Club will ensure that the laws relating to the sale of tobacco products to minors will be strictly adhered to.



# Longford Slashers Club Policy Relating to Drugs and Alcohol - Part 2

- Longford Slashers GAA Club will ensure that the practice of filling trophy cups with alcohol is not permitted at post match celebrations.
- Alcoholic beverages will not be served at underage functions/celebrations.
- Members who are found to be under the influence of, or in the possession of intoxicating liquor or drugs whilst involved in Club activities shall be suspended, while the matter is investigated.
- Longford Slashers GAA Club will not permit alcohol companies or distribution outlets to use the Club to promote their products and influence consumers.
- It is the clubs policy to involve parents/guardians in all situations where there is perceived to be a serious behavioural problem involving a minor member.
- All Club officials and mentors must display good example whilst representing the Club at training sessions, matches and official functions.

# Introduction of GAA Code of Behaviour

- Young Players.
- Coaches and Mentors.
- Parents/Guardians.
- Supporters.
- The Club





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- Young players can benefit greatly from sports in terms of personal development and enjoyment.
- As part of their participation our players must be encouraged to realise that they also have responsibilities to treat others with fairness and respect. With rights there will always be responsibilities.
- There will be a 'sign-up' procedure, whereby young people agree to abide by the **Code of Behaviour** and to any other relevant policies and codes within the GAA.



# Young 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 a level at which they feel comfortable.
- Be listened to.
- Make their concerns known and have them dealt with in an appropriate manner.
- Be protected from abuse.

# YOUNG PLAYERS

## should always:

- Play fairly, do their best and enjoy themselves.
- Respect fellow team members regardless of ability, ethnic origin, cultural background or religion.
- Support fellow team members whether they do well or not so well.
- Represent their team, their club and their family with pride and dignity.
- Respect all coaches, mentors, officials and their opponents.
- Be gracious in defeat and modest in victory.
- Shake hands before and after the game irrespective of the result.
- Inform their coach/mentor/manager when they are unavailable for training and games.
- 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.
- Take due care of club equipment.



# YOUNG PLAYERS

## should not:

- Cheat – always play by the rules.
- Shout at or argue with an official, team mates or opponents or use violence.
- Use unfair or bullying tactics to gain advantage or isolate other players.
- Spread rumours.
- Tell lies about adults or other young people.
- Play or train if they feel unwell or are injured.
- Use unacceptable language or racial and/or sectarian references.