



Policy on the use of WhatsApp within Boyle Camogie Club.

WhatsApp is used as a communication tool. It helps Coaches organise training & matches in a cost effective way. Organising such events can be time consuming and WhatsApp simply allows coaches to send 1 message to get the message to the entire group.

Issues have been raised recently regarding WhatsApp in relation to GDPR etc.

However, at the moment, no alternative is available without added cost to the coaches & club. We are in the process of testing **Telegram** and it may be the way forward for us. However – it does take everyone time to get this App installed etc so for this year alone – we will continue to use WhatsApp.

We wish to ensure the system is used correctly. **Therefore, we would appreciate if everyone would follow these guidelines.**

- WhatsApp group messages are for **Coaches only** to send messages.
- **Parents/Guardians are required to respond with yes/no (or as requested) to match/event attendance queries only.**
- No other queries/messages should be directed to the WhatsApp group. I.E – If you have a question about training/matches/gear etc – Please send a **private message** to the coach where possible as it will minimise the messages within the group.
- If you have anything you wish to share with the group – Please go through the coaches to get approval. **e.g Car pooling or lift queries.**
- Coaches will no longer send team photo's through WhatsApp. If you have agreed to the club code of behaviour, the team pictures will be available on social & local media. (Facebook/Twitter/Instagram).

Parents must also be aware of:

- Once a parent/guardian is added to the group – All other parents/guardians will have access to your number & profile information. (This is where Telegram seems to differ – Only your name is visible & not your number)

I understand all of the above and I am happy to use WhatsApp as the communication tool, & will follow Boyle Camogie club guidelines regarding the use of WhatsApp.