

CODE OF GOOD BEHAVIOUR

ROLE OF THE CLUB

The primary role of St. Vincent's Hurling & Football club is to ensure that the players are encouraged to learn and play the game of hurling and football in a safe and friendly environment. All players are encouraged to participate in a 'Vincent's' team, make friends and have fun.

In addition, the development of the players' interpersonal and social skills is also considered important. Participating as a 'Vincent's' player should be a creative and positive experience, in the development of everyone.

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The code of good behaviour outlines briefly the rules and procedures, which should be observed by young 'Saints'. Adherence to the code should ensure that everyone will enjoy his involvement with St. Vincent's Hurling & Football Club. The rules are as follows:

GENERAL

1. Mutual respect, courtesy and honesty are required of everyone in the Club.
2. All 'Saints' must be registered as members of the Club, on an annual basis.
3. 'Saints' must show respect for their teammates, coaches, club officials, parents, guardians, visitors and opponents.
4. 'Saints' must respect Club property and should have regard for their own and the personal belongings of others.
5. Loitering around the outside of the club premises, pavilion and car park to cause offence to other members or the public, at any time is forbidden.
6. Absolutely no hurling and ball playing is allowed near the pavilion at any time.
7. Members are always expected to show the highest standards of behaviour. Crude or offensive language or racist comments are not acceptable.
8. Bullying of any kind will not be tolerated.
9. 'Saints' act as ambassadors for the Club and should behave accordingly on all occasions, especially on away trips.
10. Occasionally, our club photographer takes pictures for various publications, marketing and historical purposes. If you have any problems with your child being reproduced for the benefit of the club, please let us know immediately.

PLAYING CODE

- 'Saints' must play at all times in the spirit and rules of hurling & football.
- The reasons for playing are to improve your skills, enjoy yourself and to have fun.
- All 'Saints' are required to wear full-face guard hurling helmets at all times.
This is now compulsory.
- No photographic equipment (including picture mobile phones) are allowed in the dressing rooms.
- 'Saints' must practice self-discipline, respect opponents and never argue with the referee's decisions.
- Be always committed – but fair and play the ball.

- After the match, shake hands with your opponents, thank the referee, compliment your teammates and coaches.

When you win, do so with humility – when you lose, do so with dignity.

REMEMBER, YOU CANNOT WIN ALL THE TIME.

DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

1. Each coach is responsible for discipline within his/her group. The coach or coaches speaking directly with the player can deal with minor breaches of The Code of Good Behaviour.
2. If misbehaviour continues, the coach should report the matter to the child protection officer of the St. Vincent's Hurling & Football Club Committee, who may speak to the player or may notify his parents/guardian verbally or in writing of the difficulty.
3. If no meaningful improvement occurs, the Juvenile and Primary Committees can impose a range of sanctions up to and including suspension of the player for a period from club activities. The player and his parents/guardians will be informed in writing of the sanctions imposed.
4. If misbehaviour continues, the Juvenile and Primary Committees may withdraw membership from, or refuse further membership to the individual.
5. The Juvenile and Primary Committees reserve the right to suspend an individual for a single serious breach of this Code of Good Behaviour.
6. Personal hearings will be granted to the player and/or his parents/guardians at all stages, by the Juvenile Committee, if sought or required.

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