



St Johns GAA Club - Code of Conduct

Philosophy

At St. John's GAA Club, our coaching philosophy centres around "FUN, RESPECT, MANNERS, COMMITMENT & DEVELOPMENT."

By signing your registration form or checking the acceptance box in the online registration you are accepting the Club Rules/Terms and Conditions. In addition, you agree to and are aware of the following:

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.

Code of Conduct for Players

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 have good manners.
- 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.
- Record or use mobile phones in dressing rooms.
- Send images via mobile data of players/coaches/club members.
- Intimidate or undermine a person's character nor defame any person.

Code of Conduct for Parents/Guardians

Parents/Guardians have an influential role to play in assisting and encouraging their children to adopt a positive attitude and in encouraging them to maintain an involvement in sport. They should always be good role models for their children.

Parents/Guardians should encourage their child to:

- Play by the rules.
- Improve their skills levels.
- Appreciate everybody on their team regardless of ability.
- Maintain a balanced and healthy lifestyle with regard to exercise, food, rest and play.
- Seek advice if necessary from club officials on any of these issues.

Parents / Guardians should:

- Lead by example
- Respect officials' decisions and encourage children to do likewise.
- Respect the Coaching philosophy of the club.
- Be realistic in their expectations.
- Show approval for effort, not just results.
- Complete and return the registration/permission forms for their child's participation in the club.
- Inform the mentors of any change in their child's medical or dietary requirements prior to coaching sessions, games or other activities.
- Ensure that their child punctually attends coaching sessions/games or other activities. Provide their child with proper clothing and equipment.
- Ensure that the nutrition/hydration and hygiene needs of their child are met.



- Avoid asking a child or young person, 'How much did you score today or what did you win by or what did you lose by.' Ask them 'did they enjoy themselves'.
- Listen to what young people have to say.
- Show approval whether the team wins, loses or draws a game.
- Applaud good play from all teams.
- Identify how improvements may be made.

Parents / Guardians should not:

- Exert undue pressure on your child.
- Admonish your own child or any other child for their standard of play.
- Embarrass a child or use sarcastic remarks towards a player.
- Criticise playing performances.
- Seek to unfairly affect a game or player.
- Enter the field of play or play area unless invited to do so by an official in charge.
- Attempt to meet their own needs and aspirations for success and achievement through their children's participation in games.

Parents / Guardians should assist their club by:

- Showing appreciation to volunteers, mentors and club officials.
- Attending training and games on a regular basis.
- Assisting in the organising of club activities and events as requested.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person and treat each one equally regardless of age, gender, ability, ethnic origin, cultural background or religion.

Parents / Guardians have the right to:

- Know their child is safe and to make a complaint if they believe that their child's safety is in any way compromised.
- Be informed of problems/concerns relating to their child.
- Be informed if their child gets injured.
- Complain if they have concerns about the standard of coaching.
- Have a say in relation to decisions being made within the club.

If any parent / guardian has a concern about a player or wishes to make a complaint, they may do so via our respective children's officers.

Our Children's Officers are:

- Mick Maye (GAA) 087 968 4890 childrensofficer.stjohns.sligo@gaa.ie
- Andrea Bourke (LGFA) 087 843 9651 childrensofficer.stjohns.sligo@lgfa.ie



Breach of the Code of Conduct:

If there is any breach in the code of conduct and after fair procedures are adhered to by the club, a player will, at the clubs discretion, be removed as a member from the club.

Social Media Policy:

Parents / guardians are aware that their children's photographs or video images may be taken whilst attending or participating in games or activities connected with the Club and consent to it being used by the Club for items like match programmes, year books, match reports, event reports or on the Club website or social media channels.

If you don't want photographs of you or your child to be used in the St John's Club's print and online media please indicate your objection to manager of the team your child is playing on to ensure they are not part of the photos.

Remember:

The players are children.

The Coaches are Volunteers.

The Referees are Human.

This is not the All-Ireland Final: First Priority is having fun.

RESPECT and GOOD MANNERS are Essential components and EXPECTED from every St. John's GAA Player:

Thank You

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