

BALLYGARRETT RÉALT NA MARA GAA CLUB

Parents

Our Games Our Code



This Code of Behaviour addresses the minimum appropriate levels of behaviour, practice and conduct required from our Young Players, Coaches, Mentors, Supporters, Parents/Guardians, Referees and Clubs.

The Code of Behaviour is promoted by the following National Governing Bodies so as to assist those who promote and deliver our Gaelic Games to comply with the highest possible standards in our work with children and young people.

Cumann Lúthchleas Gael (The Gaelic Athletic Association)

An Cumann Camógaíochta (The Camogie Association)

Cumann Peil Gael na mBan (Ladies Gaelic Football Association)

Liathróid Láimhe CLG na hÉireann (GAA Handball Ireland)

Comhairle Cluiche Corr na hÉireann (The Rounders Council of Ireland)

Everyone involved in our sports and activities should accept the roles and responsibilities that they undertake as we commit ourselves to maintaining an enjoyable and safe environment for all. The safeguarding of our members will always be a key priority as we recognise that the welfare of the child is of paramount importance in our work.

This Code should be used in tandem with each National Governing Bodies own Codes of Best Practice or Codes of Ethics where roles and responsibilities are outlined in greater detail. It is recommended that Coaches, Parents/Guardian and Players sign this Code of Behaviour and present the signed document to the Club Children's Officer.

We wish to see this Code developed, promoted and implemented as an initiative that encourages fair play, respect, equality, safety and no discrimination in all aspects of our work with children and young people.

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Parents Code of Conduct and Best Practice

Ballygarrett Réalt na Mara recognises that parents play a key role in relation to volunteer support for clubs and teams.

Parents should not attempt to meet their own needs for success and achievement through their children's participation. Parents must also realise and accept the rules and procedures set down in the, Ballygarrett Réalt na Mara GAA Club '*Code of Conduct and Best Practice*'.

Parents can ensure that our sport has a beneficial impact when they adhere to the following principles.

Parents/Guardians should:

- **Ensure** that they obtain a copy and read in full the club's '*Code of Conduct and Best Practice for Parents*'
- **Ensure** in particular that your child also reads the *Players Code of Conduct and best Practice* and understands what is expected from them in relation to this code. And retain a copy of the GAA Anti-Bullying Statment
- Be a role model for your child and maintain the highest standards of conduct when interacting with children, other parents, officials and organisers.
- Always behave responsibly and do not seek to unfairly affect the game or a player.
- Never intentionally expose young players to embarrassment or ridicule by the use of flippant or sarcastic remarks.
- Always recognise the value and importance of volunteers.
- **Do not publicly question the judgement or honesty of officials, organisers and mentors.**
- **Do not enter the field of play unless specifically invited to do so by an official in charge**
- Set a good example by applauding good play on *both* sides.
- Show approval and give praise and encouragement to your own child and their teammates for effort, skill and improvement.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person and by treating each one equally regardless of age, gender, ability, ethnic origin, cultural background or religion.
- Support all efforts to remove abusive behaviour and bullying.
- Inform club mentors/officials of changes in their child's medical conditions and if your child is unable to attend matches.
- Know the start and finish times of training and matches.
- **Reply to communications issued by club mentors/officials.**
- Arrange to collect your child after training and matches.
- Attend games on a regular basis.

- Give advice to their child on the importance of maintaining a balanced lifestyle and attitude.
- Listen to what young people have to say.
- Should not criticise playing performance. Always Praise their Efforts regardless of technical ability.
- We encourage parents to attend all training sessions and games. However, for children who are under six years of age on the first of January, it is compulsory that parents are in attendance.
- Where possible, assist in helping with equipment and organisation of activities associated with your child's participation in Ballygarrett Réalt na Mara GAA Club.
- Never enter a dressing room unless requested to do so by the Coach so as to protect the privacy of other underage players.
- The use of camera phones/cameras in dressing rooms is **Strictly Prohibited**
- ***Obey the 15km Speed Limit Within the Club Grounds***

Parents/Guardians should encourage their child to:

- Always 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. Advice may be sought if necessary from Club officials on this issue.
- ***Inform their child: The Car Park is not a play ground and they must remain at the designated collection point after training/matches.***

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.
- Bring any concerns they may have in relation to club activities to the attention of their Child's Mentor, or to the Club's Child Officer.
- Contact details may be found on the club's web-site