

# BALLYGARRETT RÉALT NA MARA GAA CLUB

## *Code of Conduct Policy Statement*

Ballygarrett Réalt na Mara GAA Club is fully committed to safeguarding the well being of its Members. We encourage '*Best Practice*' in the playing of our games and we are committed to providing an environment and ethos which will at all times, shows respect and understanding for Members rights, safety and welfare.

Young players in particular, deserve to be given enjoyable, safe sporting opportunities, free of abuse in any form. These players have rights which must be respected, and rules that as Members, they must accept.

## *Generalised Code of Conduct and Best Practice*

The full '*Ballygarrett Réalt na Mara Code of Conduct and Best Practice*' is provided to all members on joining our club. The code is in accordance with the guidelines produced by the Gaelic Athletic Association in their '*Code of Best Practice for Youth Sport*', approved for use by the Irish Sports Council and the Sports Council of Northern Ireland.

- The development of skill and well being through the playing, coaching and promotion of our games
- The adoption of the principles of *fair play* and *good behaviour* at all times
- The development of a positive, constructive, supportive and encouraging team environment
- Maximising the sense of achievement, fun and participation in order to develop players to their full potential
- The cooperation of all Members and Supporters of our Community

Ballygarrett Réalt na Mara is founded on the core values of mutual respect, valuing each person, and support and encouragement among Team Members, Managers, Coaches, Mentors and other Members of the Club.

Our Coaching resources and activities are firmly rooted in the local community. We are committed to providing an environment that promotes a *Sense of Belonging* in our Club and an ethos that will allow players to perform to the best of their ability, free from bullying and intimidation.

Inappropriate behaviour as laid out in our *Code of Conduct and Best Practice* by any Member of the Club (or any person/persons associated with the club) that undermines these values will be considered a breach of the Club's Code of Conduct, and may be dealt with as outlined in the GAA [Our Code - Our Games, Dealing with Alleged Breaches of the Code of Best Practice in Youth Sport](#). This forms part of our clubs constitution and ethos, and as such, it is part of the rules and regulations that bind the operation of the club and its members.