



## Glenroe Bord Na N-Óg

### Code of Behaviour/Discipline 2018



#### **Club players should be entitled to:**

- Be safe and feel safe.
- Have fun and experience a sense of enjoyment and fulfillment.
- 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 levels with which they feel comfortable.
- Make their concerns known and have them dealt with in an appropriate manner.
- Be protected from abuse.
- Be listened to.

#### **Club players should always:**

- Play fairly, do their best and enjoy themselves.
- Respect fellow team members regardless of ability, cultural or ethnic origin, gender, sexual orientation or religious beliefs.
- Support fellow team members regardless of whether they do well or not.
- Represent their team, their **club** and their family with pride and dignity.
- Respect all Coaches, Officials and their opponents.
- Be gracious in defeat and modest in victory.
- Shake hands before and after a game as part of the ***Give Respect Get Respect*** initiative, irrespective of the result.
- Inform their **Coach/Mentor/Manager** in advance if they are unavailable for training and games.
- Take due care of Club equipment.
- Know that it is acceptable to talk to the club **Children's Officer (Mark O'Connell)** with any concerns or questions they may have.
- Adhere to acceptable standards of behaviour and their Club's Code of Discipline.
- Tell somebody else if they or others have been harmed in any way.
- Stay on the GAA pitch in their area unless told so by their coach.
- Stay on the GAA pitch until their **Parent/Guardian** collects them.
- Use their phone to make phone calls/send text messages **only**.

#### **Club players should engage in good practice:**

- Never cheat – always play by the rules.
- Never shout at or argue with a game's official, with their **coach**, their **teammates** or **opponents** and should **never** use violence.
- Never use unfair or bullying tactics to gain advantage or isolate other players.
- Never spread rumours.
- Never tell lies about adults or other young people.
- Never play or train if they feel unwell or are injured.
- Never use unacceptable language or racial and/or sectarian references to an

opponent, a fellow player or official by words, deeds or gesture.

**Parents/Guardians should always:**

- Encourage their child/children to play by the rules.
- Respect coaches, officials and opponents.
- **Remain in GAA Grounds for the duration of the session if child is under the age of 10.**
- Assist the team and co-operate with the club as requested.
- Never enter the field of play unless invited to do so.
- Do not exert undue pressure on your own or any other child.
- Be responsible to get their child/children onto the pitch safely.

**Club Coaches should always:**

- Use a child-centered approach and respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person.
- Treat each person equally regardless of age, gender, ability, ethnic origin, cultural background or religion.
- Be positive during coaching sessions, games and other activities so that underage players always leave with a sense of achievement and an increased level of self-esteem.
- Recognise the development needs and capacity of all underage players, regardless of their ability, by emphasising participation for all while avoiding excessive training and competition.
- Skills development and personal satisfaction should have priority over competition when working with underage players.
- Develop an understanding of relevant coaching methods and ensure that they have the appropriate level of coaching accreditation.
- Do not equate losing with failure and do not develop a preoccupation with medals and trophies.
- The level of improvement made by underage players is the best indicator of effective coaching.
- Always lead by example, promote **Fair Play and Respect**.
- Be accompanied by at least one other GAA coach until all children have left the GAA Grounds until all children have been collected.
- Responsible for all children present 5 minutes before training commences.

This Code of Behavior addresses the minimum levels of behaviour, practice and conduct required from our Parents/Guardians, Coaches and Club Players.

**Declaration**

I \_\_\_\_\_ (print name) acknowledge that I have received a copy of the Code of Behaviour, which I have read and understood in full. I agree to be bound by the principles set out in the Code when participating, playing or attending our Gaelic Games.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Guardian)      **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_