



## Parents and Spectators Code of Conduct

Killygarry GAA adopts a child centered approach and philosophy in the running of the club to ensure that those working with children and young people are at all times providing a quality sporting and social programme. Killygarry GAA work to an agreed philosophy and set of standards, which is reflected in the National GAA Code of Behaviour (Underage), which has been adopted by the Club and is available for download from the Club website. Enforcement of this conduct is the responsibility of every member and any queries about this code should be referred to the Child Protection Officer or the Club Chairperson.

Parents/guardians have an influential role to play in assisting their offspring to adopt positive attitudes and encouraging them to maintain an involvement in sport. Parents should not attempt to meet their own needs for success and achievement through their children's participation in Gaelic Games. The following guidelines will be assistance in their regard.

Parents/Guardians/Spectators within the Club must:

- 1.1. Parents are responsible for leaving and collecting their child on time from training/games.
- 1.2. Attend games on a regular basis and assist in the organisation of Club activities.
- 1.3. Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment not yours.
- 1.4. Encourage children always to play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.
- 1.5. Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or not winning.
- 1.6. Respect officials' decisions and encourage children to do likewise.
- 1.7. Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators.
- 1.8. Applaud good performance and efforts from all individuals and teams.
- 1.9. Congratulate all participants regardless of the game's outcome.

- 1.10. Condemn the use of violence, verbal abuse or vilification in any form, whether it is by spectators, coaches, officials or players.
- 1.11. Support policy and practices (and lead by example) in relation to responsible use of alcohol, to child protection issues and to issues involving recreational and performance enhancing drugs.
- 1.12. Support involvement in modified rules games and other junior development programmes
- 1.13. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- 1.14. Do not enter the field of play unless specifically asked to do so by an official in charge.
- 1.15. It is not appropriate for parents/spectators to interrupt the team mentors when they are speaking to the team before/during and after the game.
- 1.16. If you have any issues with other players / coaching staff / managers etc., please use the correct channels: contact your child protection officer / coaching officer or any member of the executive committee.

**Note:**

Players in their last year of their particular age grade may be asked to play at the age level above in order to fulfil fixtures if the team above is short in numbers / struggling to field a team, this will only happen with consent of the parent / guardian.

**Declaration**

I understand and agree to abide by this Code of Conduct. I understand that failure to abide by this Code of Conduct will result in disciplinary action by the Club Executive Committee

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed: Parent / Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman Killygarry GAA

Approved by the Killygarry GAA Executive Committee