



Youth Players Code of Conduct

Killygarry GAA Club is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the well-being of all its members. The Club believes that it is important that members, coaches, administrators and parents associated with the Club must, at all times, show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of everybody. All members are, therefore, encouraged to always be open and share any concerns or complaints that they may have with their respective Team Manager.

Youth players must:

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all and treat everyone equitably.
- Not exert undue influence to obtain personal benefit or reward.

As a youth player in the Club, you must:

- 1.1 Play by the rules.
- 1.2 Represent your family and Club with pride and dignity.
- 1.3 Never argue with an official. If you need clarification, have your captain, coach or manager approach the official during a break or after the competition.
- 1.4 Work equally hard for yourself and your team. Your team's performance will benefit – so will you.
- 1.5 Never bully or take unfair advantage.
- 1.6 Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are made by your team or the opposition. Be modest in victory and gracious in defeat.
- 1.7 Show respect to and acknowledge opponents and officials (e.g. shake hands before and after the game, accept apologies from opponents when they are offered and say things like "good luck", "thanks for the game", etc.).

- 1.8 Never spread rumours or tell lies about other players, members or officials
- 1.9 Co-operate with your coach, team-mates and opponents - without them there would be no competition.
- 1.10 Be on time for training sessions, matches and competitions so as not to disrupt the smooth running of the team. Let the Coach know when you are unavailable for training and competition.
- 1.11 Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents and coaches.
- 1.12 Play fair - no verbal abuse of officials, sledging other players (including vilification) or deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent. Set high standards of fair play for others to follow.
- 1.13 Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- 1.14 Never wear jerseys that once belonged to other Clubs at training or match warm-up.
- 1.14 Never steal Club or personal property or the property of visitors to the Club.
- 1.15 Never use Social media to vent your anger towards coaches, players, supporters or anybody else involved in the GAA.
- 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, these people are all listed on our web- page www.killygarrygaa.ie.
- 1.17 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 Committee. The code of Conduct can be amended by the club at any time and I agree to abide to its amendments.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Countersigned _____
Parent/Guardian