



Cumann Lúthchleas Gael
Caisleán an Rathain

Castlerahan GAA



Code of Behaviour - Underage

Castlerahan GAA club is fully committed to ensuring that young people receive the best possible care, attention and protection while participating in our games. This club-specific Underage Code of Behaviour addresses the appropriate minimum levels of behaviour, practice and conduct required from our young players.

Young players should be entitled to:

- Be safe and feel safe.
- Have fun and experience a sense of joy and fulfilment.
- 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 which they feel comfortable.
- Make their concerns known and have them dealt with in an appropriate manner.
- Be protected from abuse.
- Be listened to.
- Be given adequate playing time to assist in the development of their playing skills.

Young 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.
- 'Give Respect, Get Respect' – shake hands before and after the game, regardless of the result.
- Inform their coach in advance if they are unavailable for training and games.

- Take due care of club equipment.
- Talk to the club's Children's Officers about any concerns or questions they have.
- Adhere to acceptable standards of behaviour.
- Tell somebody else if they or others have been harmed or bullied in any way.

Young 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 team mates 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, racial or sectarian references to an opponent, a fellow player or official by words, deeds or gesture.
- Never consume non-prescribed drugs or performance enhancing supplements.

Should a breach of the Code be alleged, or when people may refuse to adhere to the contents of the Code, certain actions may be deemed necessary and appropriate so as to protect the integrity of our work with children and young people and also to ensure that they receive the best possible care, attention and protection while participating in our games. Alleged breaches may therefore be enquired into, regardless of where or when they occur and appropriate sanctions/disciplinary action may be taken against those who have been proven to have breached this Code.

It is our wish that this Code be implemented as an initiative that encourages fair play, respect, equality, safety and non-discrimination in all areas of our club.