



Loughinisland GAC/Cumann Loc an Oileain

MANAGERS/COACHES/ MENTORS - CODE OF CONDUCT

- Understand that winning is a consideration, but not the only one, nor the most important one. Care more of the overall development of the player as the winning of any game. Your main responsibility as a coach is to prepare, up-skill and develop the players in your care so that they can comfortably progress through each age group.
- Be a positive role model to players, display emotional maturity and be alert to the physical safety of players.
- Ensure that players' behaviour is acceptable. Stop any dangerous play, bullying, or the use of bad language or other inappropriate behaviour.
- Refrain from the use of abusive, obscene or profane language or gestures to a player, official or an opponent.
- Be early and suitably dressed. Ensure that sessions are set upon players arriving. Training sessions should be enjoyable and challenging for players and in line with the programme objectives at that age level.
- Ensure your conduct is appropriate at all times. Refrain from smoking and avoid consumption of alcohol during time spent with your squad.
- Treat everyone fairly, regardless of gender, place of origin, colour, sexual orientation, religion, political belief, ability or disability.
- Be aware of any medical conditions a player may have and abide by any medical advice received. If a player shows any sign of concussion, then remove them immediately from the game/practice and seek medical assistance.
- Ensure the presence of first-aid kit during training sessions/games and have access to telephone to contact the emergency services if required. Ensure that you are familiar with the location and operation of the club Defibrillator.
- Report incidents of alleged abuse/substance abuse to the designated Club Officer.
- Keep a record of attendance at training and at games by both players and coaches. This is a requirement.
- Be responsible for any club equipment you may use. Ensure that it is stored correctly and that items are not lost.
- Be aware of child protection and good practice as per GAA Child Protection & Foundation Level Courses and ensure confidentiality at all times.
- The use of video/picture recording equipment and cameras, including phone cameras are prohibited in changing rooms while such facilities are in use by underage.
- Do not send text messages/WhatsApp messages to any individual players, messaging should be targeted (in a group) specifically to advise of times of training and matches.

This Code of Conduct addresses the minimum levels of behaviour, practice and conduct required from our Coaches, Officials and Managers.



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Players (& Parents) Code of Conduct

As a player of Loughinisland GAC you must:

- Show respect to your club coaches, team mates and officials at all times. Never argue with an official's decision. Respect your opponents – shake hands before and after games. Be gracious in victory and defeat.
- Respect your club facilities and equipment.
- Endeavour to attend all squad sessions and matches. Players should make excuses to get to training, rather than get out of training.
- Advise you coach in advance or as soon as possible if you are unable to attend a training session.
- Players are to arrive at the correct time for training as requested by their coach. They should be on the pitch and ready to begin the session at the allocated time. Players should be properly attired at all times.
- Parents should not leave their child at the training ground/match if there are no coaches in attendance.
- Players are expected to wear mouth guards and bring their own water bottle to every training session and match.
- Play/Train hard and fair, do your best, listen to the coaches, improve, enjoy yourself and be an example to others.
- Never play or train if you feel unwell or injured.
- Never use unacceptable language or racial and/or sectarian references to an opponent, a fellow player or official by words, deeds or gesture.
- Know that it is acceptable to talk to the Club Children's officer with any concerns or questions you may have.
- Never use bad language or speak to anyone in way that makes them feel threatened. Do not tell lies about anyone or spread rumours. Do not involve yourself in bullying and if you are aware of bullying happening, you must inform the children's officer or a suitable adult.
- Players are not allowed to use picture/video recording equipment including phone cameras in changing or on the pitch.

This Code of Conduct addresses the minimum levels of behaviour, practice and conduct required from our Young Players, Coaches, Officials, Managers, Supporters, Parents/Guardian and Clubs.