



Ballinrobe GAA Club believes that a youth centred approach should be adopted by everyone involved in the promotion and development of Gaelic Games at underage level. It aims to assist young people in valuing discipline and in striving to achieve their full potential as they mature and develop. Their participation in the club should enable them to have fun, make friends and become better players.

Ballinrobe GAA Bord na nOg has a policy of fair play which all players and mentors shall sign up to:

- All young people should be treated equally
- Participation should be used to help young people to develop:

**Physically**

By acquiring basic playing techniques, improving physical fitness and developing lifetime health habits

**Psychologically**

By learning to control emotions and develop a sense of confidence in their own ability; technical, tactical, physical.

**Socially and Morally**

By learning to combine with teammates, play by the rules and respect team mentors, team mates and match officials.

Yours in Football

Ballinrobe GAA Club



# Code of Conduct: Young Players

**It is important everyone behaves themselves when playing football.**

As a player, you have a big part to play. That's why The GAA is asking every player to follow a Respect Code of Conduct.

**When playing football, I will:**

- Always do my best, even if we're losing or the other team is stronger.
- Play fairly - I won't cheat, complain or waste time.
- Never be rude to my team-mates, the other team, the referee, spectators or my coach.
- Do what the referee tells me.
- Shake hands with the other team before & after the match and the referee at the end of the game.
- Listen to my coach and respect what he/she says.
- Talk to someone I trust, for example my parents or the club welfare officer, if I'm unhappy about anything at my club.
- Respect fellow team members regardless of ability, ethnic origin, cultural background or religion.
- Inform their coach/mentor when they are unavailable for training and games.

**In addition:**

- My club or the County Board may make my parent or carer aware of any infringements of the Code of Conduct.
- The County Board could impose a fine and suspension against my club.



## Code of Conduct: Parents/Guardian

Parents/Guardians have an influential role to play in assisting and encouraging their children to adopt a positive attitude and in encouraging them to maintain an involvement in sport. They should always be a good role model for their children.

### **Parents/Guardians should encourage their child to:**

- Play by the rules.
- Improve their skills levels.
- Appreciate everybody on their team, regardless of ability.
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- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person and treat each one equally regardless of age, gender, ability, ethnic origin, cultural background or religion.

### **Parents/Guardians should lead by example:**

- Respect officials' decisions and encourage children to do likewise.
- Do not exert undue pressure on your child.
- Never admonish your own child or any other child for their standard of play.
- Be realistic in their expectations.
- Show approval for effort, not just results.
- Applaud good play from all teams.
- Don't criticise playing performances. Identify how improvements may be made.
- Do not seek to unfairly affect a game or player.
- Do not enter the field of play or play area unless invited to do so by an official in charge.

### **Parents/Guardians should:**

- Complete and return the registration/permission and medical consent forms for their child's participation in the club.
- Show appreciation to volunteers, mentors, club officials, referees and opposing teams.
- Attend training and games on a regular basis.
- Assist in the organising of club activities and events as requested.