



Youth Players Code of Behaviour

St. Oliver Plunkett's GAC Greenlough is fully committed to the 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. Therefore all members are encouraged to be open at all times and share any concerns or complaints that may have with their respective Team Manager.

YOUNG PLAYERS SHOULD BE ENTITLED TO:

- Be safe and feel safe.
- Have fun and experience a sense of enjoyment 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 with 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, Mentors, Officials and their opponents.
- Be gracious in defeat and modest in victory.
- Shake hands before and after a game, irrespective of the result.
- Inform their Coach/Mentor/Manager in advance if they are unavailable for training and games.
- Take due care of Club equipment.
- Know that it is acceptable to talk to the Club Children's Officer with any concerns or questions they may have.
- Adhere to acceptable standards of behaviour and their Clubs Code of Discipline.
- 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, 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 or racial and/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.

Declaration

I _____ (**print name**) acknowledge that I have received a copy of the Code of Behaviour (**Youth Players**), which I have read and understood in full. I agree to be bound by the principles set out in the Code when participating, playing or attending our Gaelic Games. I also understand that failure to abide by this Code of Behaviour will result in disciplinary action by the Club committee.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Countersigned _____
(Parent/Guardian)

Date: _____