



Mobile Phone Policy

Introductory Statement

This policy was drawn up in 2023 in response to technological advances and to ensure the protection of players and coaches.

The Club strongly discourages the bringing of mobile phones to training, matches and clubhouse/dressing rooms, by players.

In addition, they are a potential and real source of bullying and abuse through texting, social media and the dissemination of unacceptable and inappropriate images.

Use of mobile phones (particularly with the advent of increasingly sophisticated equipment and camera phones) presents a number of problems, including:

- Mobile phones can be valuable items and might render a player vulnerable to theft
- Mobile phones (and their cost and level of sophistication – or otherwise) can make player objects of envy or disparagement and could have implications with regard to discipline and potential bullying
- Use of the newer phones with integrated cameras could lead to child protection and data protection issues with regard to inappropriate capture, use or distribution of images
- They can be very intrusive, distracting and antisocial in a training and match environment.
- Mobile phones may be used to conduct bullying campaigns.
- The unauthorized use of mobile phones and other electronic gadgets contravenes the provision of a safe and secure environment conducive to player welfare.

The following are the guidelines for mobile phone usage while training, playing and within clubhouse/dressing rooms:

1. Players, while discouraged from bringing a mobile phone, may carry a mobile phone on their person but phone must remain turned off. Players are not allowed the use of mobile phones during training, matches or in changing rooms.
2. The club holds no responsibility for phones lost or stolen during training or matches.
3. Children who need to contact home in an emergency during training or matches may do so through their coach or coaching team.
4. Any player who uses a mobile phone during a game or training risks having it confiscated. This device will be turned off and only returned to the parent/guardian.
5. If a player is found taking photographs or video footage with a mobile phone of either other players or coaches, this will be regarded as a serious offence and disciplinary action will be taken according to the Code of Behaviour.
6. If a player/club member is found to partake in cyberbullying behaviours towards another member of Killeedy camogie club, it will be regarded as a serious offence and disciplinary action will be taken according to the Code of Behaviour.

Roles and Responsibilities

All players, coaches and parents share in the co-ordination and implementation of this policy. Please read Camogie Associations Code of Behaviour (underage), Communication and social media section in relation to this.

On Behalf of Management of Killeedy Camogie Club