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Please note all Wolves Basketball Policies and procedures are available to view online on our website:

[www.droghedawolves.ie](http://www.droghedawolves.ie)

Policies and Procedures may be updated periodically throughout the season and will be communicated via our website and social media.

## 1. MEMBERSHIP

To become a member of Drogheda Wolves Basketball Club you must apply to the Executive Committee for membership. You must be registered as a Player, Coach, Team Manager, Volunteer or Official with Drogheda Wolves Basketball Club on the Club's registration system and Basketball Ireland.

### 1.1 PLAYER MEMBERSHIP

All players must be registered with Drogheda Wolves Basketball Club on the Club's registration system to be considered a member.

The annual membership subscription is due on August 1<sup>st</sup> and must be paid in full by December 1<sup>st</sup> (4 monthly instalments). Any member in arrears will not be permitted to continue to train or play after December 1<sup>st</sup> until the membership is paid in full. If you need to make alternative arrangements for payment of fees please contact your coach or email [treasurerdroghedawolves@gmail.com](mailto:treasurerdroghedawolves@gmail.com). This will be treated in the strictest of confidence.

The annual subscription fee covers normal/scheduled training and games from August 1<sup>st</sup> 2025 to May 17<sup>th</sup> 2026. Any costs for additional training or games during this time or after April 30<sup>th</sup> each year must be covered by the players/teams.

Annual membership shall expire on 31<sup>st</sup> of August each year.

For more detailed information on membership, please refer to our Club constitution on our Website: [www.droghedawolves.ie](http://www.droghedawolves.ie)

## 1.2 COACHES/TEAM MANAGERS & VOLUNTEERS MEMBERSHIP

All coaches/Team Managers & Volunteers must be registered with Drogheda Wolves Basketball Club on the Club's registration system and Basketball Ireland to be considered a member.

All coaches/Team Managers & Volunteers must have participated in a Safeguarding course in line with the Drogheda Wolves Basketball Club safeguarding policy and be garda vetted by Basketball Ireland to become a member of Drogheda Wolves Basketball Club.

Basketball Ireland and Drogheda Wolves are fully committed to safeguarding the wellbeing of its members. Every individual in the club agrees at all times, to show respect and understanding for members rights, safety and welfare and conduct themselves in a way that reflects the principles of the club and the codes of practice promoting best practice for the protection of children in sport

([https://www.sportireland.ie/sites/default/files/media/document/2021-10/safeguarding-guidance\\_0.pdf](https://www.sportireland.ie/sites/default/files/media/document/2021-10/safeguarding-guidance_0.pdf)).

## 2. REGISTRATION

2.1 As per Basketball Ireland Regulations, all players competing in local competition must be registered and licensed with the Area Board under their team/player registration scheme and as an individual member of Basketball Ireland

2.2 All coaches, assistant coaches, club officials (any person, other than the coach or players, authorised by the referee to sit on the team bench, and be in communication with the team during game, including statisticians/ physiotherapists etc.), must be registered with the Area Board and as an individual member of Basketball Ireland. Only those registered will be permitted to sit on the team bench. This will be the responsibility of the club Registrar, once the members of the coaching team are shared by the head coach.

2.3 A player may only be able to play in a maximum of two (2) age groups within his/her band in any one season, e.g., a player aged 11 (who is under 11 on 1st January of a given season) can play either U11 and U12 or U11 and U13. He/she cannot play U11, U12 and U13. Players may only play up 2 years older than their own age e.g., an U11 player may not play U14.

TEAM	2025/26
Under 18	2008, 2009, 2010
Under 17	2009, 2010, 2011
Under 16	2010, 2011, 2012
Under 15	2011, 2012, 2013
Under 14	2012, 2013, 2014
Under 13	2013, 2014, 2015
Under 12	2014, 2015, 2016
Under 11	2015, 2016, 2017
Under 10	2016, 2017, 2018

2.4 Players playing up from another team needs to be registered on the team they are playing up to.

Players playing up should be agreed amongst the relevant coaches in the associated age groups.

A player cannot play in an A and B team in the same age group.

2.5 No player under 16 years of age on the 31st of December of the current season may take part in adult competitions.

### 3. TEAM CONSTRUCTION

3.1 All teams from U10 up to and including U14 must have a minimum of 15 registered players, if available. **This does not include players playing up from another age group.** Teams can have more than 15 players at the discretion of the coach. The number of players playing up is at the discretion of the coach.

3.2 All teams from U15 up must have a minimum of 12 registered players. **This does not include players playing up from another age group.** Teams can have more than 12 players at the discretion of the coach. The number of players playing up is at the discretion of the coach.

3.3 Any players playing up must be agreed by both coaches. Players must always put their primary team first in regard to training and playing games. If a player is needed to play up for a game or train in a training session, there must be mutual agreement between the primary coach and the coach from the team the player is playing up to, to ensure there are no clashes with training sessions/games.

3.4 Up to and including u14 a player playing up should not take the place of any player from the team they are playing up for games. From U15 upwards it is at the discretion of the coach. Communication re the above is advised between players/parents and coaches at the beginning of the season.

### 4. UNIFORMS

The official registered colours for Drogheda Wolves Basketball Club are Grey (Home) and White (Away) pictures for reference below. No other gear to be worn by any team when representing Drogheda Wolves Basketball Club at any competition with the exception of the National League Senior Men's Team. The Club gear will be reviewed annually by the Wolves Basketball Club Executive Committee.



No deviation from the club colours will be permitted.

All teams should have two sets of playing kit consisting of 5 pieces.

- Grey Shorts & Grey Top
- White Shorts & White Top
- Warm up Top to match the above kits

Players will pay a €30 refundable deposit when they receive their gear at the beginning of the season. Once all 5 pieces of gear is returned the €30 will be returned to the player. **Lost pieces of kit must be paid for.**

## 5. PLAYER & PARENT'S CODE OF CONDUCT

### Parents Declaration Form:

- I will respect the rules and procedures set down in the Irish Basketball Association's Code of Practice for Children in Sport.
- I will respect my child's teammates, coaches, other parents as well as players, parents and coaches from opposing teams.
- I will give encouragement and applaud only positive accomplishments whether from my child, his/her teammates, their opponents or the officials.
- I will respect my child's coach and support his/her efforts
- I will respect the officials and their authority during games
- I will never demonstrate threatening or abusive behaviour or use foul language.
- I will encourage my child to treat other participants, coaches, selectors, and managers with respect.
- **I will not attempt to influence, pressurize, or in any way interfere with the selection process or technical aspects of the Squad/Team.**
- I give permission for the legitimate use of video and camera photography in the context of coaching and promotion of the National Squad/Team and with respect to the player named.

### Code of Conduct for Young People

Basketball Ireland wishes to provide the best possible environment for all young people involved in the sport. Young players deserve to be given enjoyable, safe sporting opportunities, free of abuse of any kind. These players have rights, which must be respected, and responsibilities which they must accept. Young people should be encouraged to realize that they have responsibilities to treat other participants and sports leaders with fairness and respect.

**Young players are entitled to:**

- Be safe and to feel safe
- Be listened to
- Be believed
- Be treated and spoken to with dignity, sensitivity and respect
- Have a voice in the club/organisation
- Participate on an equal basis
- Have fun and enjoy sport
- Experience competition at a level at which they feel comfortable
- Make complaints and have them dealt with
- Get help against bullies
- Say No
- Protect their own bodies
- Refuse inappropriate touches
- Confidentiality
- Not to be singled out, isolated, shamed or embarrassed in private or public.

**Young players should always:**

- Treat all coaches, managers, selectors, club and tournament organisers and officials with respect.
- Play fairly at all times, do their best
- Respect team members, even when things go wrong
- Respect opponents, be gracious in defeat
- Abide by the rules set down by team managers when travelling to away events.
- Behave in a manner that avoids bringing the game of Basketball into disrepute.
- Talk to Child Liaison Officer if they have any problems

**Young players should never:**

- Cheat
- Use violence or physical contact that is not allowed within the rules
- Shout or argue with officials, team mates or opponents
- Harm team members, opponents or their property
- Bully or use bullying tactics to isolate another player
- Use unfair or bullying tactics to gain advantage on or off the court.
- Take banned substances
- Pass on gossip about another player or adult.
- Make false allegations against other players or adults

## **6. COACH & VOLUNTEER CODE OF CONDUCT**

In promoting Basketball coaches should:

- Respect the rules and regulations of the club as laid out by the Executive Committee
- Encourage participation and fun
- Promote the development of skills as opposed to winning at all costs
- Emphasise and praise effort
- Act as a good role model
- Actively discourage children/young players from abusing referees, officials, team mates or opponents (remove offending players from the situation)
- Insist on FAIR PLAY (remove offending players from the situation)

- Be realistic with your expectations
- Be aware of children's feelings
- Teach players to respect different cultures.
- Communicate respectfully in private or public to all, players, coaches, management, officials, spectators, sponsors and any other stakeholders connected internally or externally with Wolves Basketball Club.

All members of Drogheda Wolves Basketball Club are entitled to:

- Be safe
- Be treated with dignity, sensitivity and respect
- Participate in basketball on an equal basis, appropriate to their ability and stage of development
- Be happy, have fun and enjoy basketball
- Make a complaint in an appropriate way and have it dealt with through a proper and effective complaints procedure
- Be afforded appropriate confidentiality
- Be listened to and to be believed
- Have a voice in the running of the club

## **7. FUNDRAISING AND SPONSORS**

All fundraising activities must be approved by the Fundraising Committee and the Executive Committee should be informed, prior to the activity taking place and with appropriate notice given.

### **Guidelines for fundraising activities**

1. The activities must be for the purpose of raising funds to benefit the Club and not individual teams.
2. Fundraising activities using the Drogheda Wolves logo must be approved in advance and be for the sole purpose of Wolves Basketball club activities or needs,
3. Issues of liability must also be considered – insurance, gambling licence etc
4. Fundraising activities must not conflict with Drogheda Wolves sponsorships or planned Drogheda Wolves fundraising.
5. Fundraising activities cannot be conducted at any Drogheda Wolves events/games/activities without prior approval.
6. Use of the Club's resources for fundraising is not permitted without prior approval.
7. Any monies raised under the guise of Drogheda Wolves must be lodged into and dispersed via the Drogheda Wolves Bank account.

### **To gain approval**

All applications must be submitted in writing with the fundraising template (available on request) to the Fundraising Committee.

1. Once all information has been shared with the Fundraising Committee and a decision has been made it will be brought to the executive committee for final sign-off.
2. The Fundraising Committee will have discretion to approve all levels of fundraising activities targeting amounts less than €500.

## 8. INJURY INSURANCE

- Those who have registered for the 2025/26 season, will have personal injury insurance cover with Basketball Ireland until the end of the 2025/26 season, up to July 31st 2026.
- Injury claims will only be accepted if valid BIPIN's are in place at the time of the accident/injury and the individuals/Parent/Guardian email is on the registration profile.
- The brochure link for details of injury insurance cover can be accessed here:  
[https://sportlomo-userupload.s3.amazonaws.com/uploaded/galleries/638\\_uploaded/8b3210a74116d8ea65fa8f86edaa8cf93e2bc614.pdf](https://sportlomo-userupload.s3.amazonaws.com/uploaded/galleries/638_uploaded/8b3210a74116d8ea65fa8f86edaa8cf93e2bc614.pdf)

## 9. PERMISSION TO TRAVEL

**Parent/Guardian of Travelling Child:** I have read and accept the conditions and rules set down by Basketball Ireland – Basketball Ireland Child Safeguarding Policy (<https://ireland.basketball/child-protection>) for children travelling to matches and events and I give permission for the child named below to travel to, attend and travel from events within the island of Ireland for the season 2025/2026.

**Young Player Travelling:** I have read and accept the conditions and rules set down by Basketball Ireland – Basketball Ireland Child Safeguarding Policy (<https://ireland.basketball/child-protection>) for children travelling to matches and events within the island of Ireland for the season 2025/2026 and I agree to abide by those rules.

**\*NB\*** Risk assessment forms for any overnight travel in Ireland or travel outside of Ireland will need to be completed 4 weeks prior to the date of travel, where possible. Forms can be obtained from the Safeguarding Team.

## 10. DATA SHARING

Drogheda Wolves Basketball Club, as required by contract (see privacy statement) will submit relevant data to Basketball Ireland. Further information on the Drogheda Wolves Privacy Policy can be found at: <https://www.droghedawolves.ie/privacy.php>.

## 11. SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding policies are available on the Drogheda Wolves website (<https://www.droghedawolves.ie/documents.php>).

All coaches, managers & volunteers who will be a member of a coaching team will need to be garda vetted with Basketball Ireland and complete a Level 1 safeguarding course before they are permitted to join the coaching/management team.

Parents, when dropping your child off at training, please ensure that there are 2 adults in the gym and confirm that training is actually taking place before leaving the child at the premises.

Coaches, there must always be two garda vetted and safeguarded adults at every underage session. There is no exception to this rule and if only one coach/volunteer is present then the session must be cancelled immediately.

## 12. PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEO RECORDING

I hereby give permission for images of my child/children and/or myself captured during Drogheda Wolves Basketball Club games/events through video, photo and digital camera to be used solely for the purposes of Drogheda Wolves Basketball Club promotional material and publications.

When registering in Club registration/Clubforce I agree to be bound by the above terms and conditions of the handbook.