

St Johns GAA CLUB

Code of Conduct for Players and Parents/Guardians

CLUBS COACHING PHILOSOPHY

“FUN, RESPECT, MANNERS, COMMITMENT, DEVELOPMENT”

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 a level at which they feel comfortable. • Be listened to. • Make their concerns known and have them dealt with in an appropriate manner. • Be protected from abuse.

Our Children's Officers are Ciaran Feeney 0878395889 ciaran.feeney1234@gmail.com and Olivia Flannery 0877782233 okmcloughlin@yahoo.ie . These are the people you contact if you need to under Children First-Safeguarding."

YOUNG PLAYERS should always: • Play fairly, do their best and enjoy themselves. • Respect fellow team members regardless of ability, ethnic origin, cultural background or religion. • Support fellow team members whether they do well or not so well. • 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 the game irrespective of the result. • Inform their coach/mentor/manager when they are unavailable for training and games. • Talk to the Club Children's Officer with any concerns or questions they may have. • Adhere to acceptable standards of behaviour and have good manners. • Tell somebody else if they or others have been harmed in any way. • Take due care of club equipment.

YOUNG PLAYERS should not: • Cheat – always play by the rules. • Shout at or argue with an official, team mates or opponents or use violence. • Use unfair or bullying tactics to gain advantage or isolate other players. • Spread rumours. • Tell lies about adults or other young people. • Play or train if they feel unwell or are injured. • Use unacceptable language or racial and/or sectarian references. – Never record or use mobile phones in dressing room. Never send images via mobile data of players/coaches/club members. Never intimidate or undermine a persons character nor defame any person.

Code of Conduct for Parents/Guardians

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. • Maintain a balanced and healthy lifestyle with regard to exercise, food, rest and play. Seek advice if necessary from club officials on this issue. 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. Respect the Coaching philosophy of the club.

• Be realistic in their expectations. • Show approval for effort, not just results. • Never embarrass a child or use sarcastic remarks towards a player. • 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 forms for their child's participation in the club. • Inform the mentors of any change in their child's medical or dietary requirements prior to coaching sessions, games or other activities. • Ensure that their child punctually attends coaching sessions/games or other activities. • Provide their child with proper clothing and equipment. • Ensure that the nutrition/hydration and hygiene needs of their child are met. • Avoid asking a child or young person, 'How much did you score today or what did you win by or what did you lose by.' Ask them 'did they enjoy themselves'. • Listen to what young people have to say. • Show approval whether the team wins, loses or draws a game. • Never attempt to meet their own needs and aspirations for success and achievement through their children's participation in games. Parents/Guardians should assist their club by: • Showing appreciation to volunteers, mentors and club officials. • Attending training and games on a regular basis. • Assisting in the organising of club activities and events as requested. • 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 have the right to: • Know their child is safe and to make a complaint if they believe that their child's safety is in any way compromised. • Be informed of problems/concerns relating to their child. • Be informed if their child gets injured. • Complain if they have concerns about the standard of coaching. • Have a say in relation to decisions being made within the club.

Breach of the Code of Conduct: If there is any breach in the code of conduct and after fair procedures are adhered to by the club, a player will be removed as a member from the Club (at the clubs discretion).

Remember

**The players are children: The Coaches are Volunteers: The Referees are Human:
This is not the All-Ireland Final: First Priority is having fun.**

RESPECT and GOOD MANNERS are Essential components and EXPECTED from every St. John's GAA Player: Thank You – St. John's GAA Club