



CODE OF CONDUCT

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1 GAA Code of Conduct

Policy Statement

The GAA Code of Conduct is a set of basic principles that establishes acceptable standards of behaviour for Members, Officers, Players, Parents/Guardians, Mentors, Supporters, Match Officials, Units and Teams in addition to the requirements of the Official Guide.

The aim of this Code is to promote good practice by all involved in Cumann Lúthchleas Gael. More importantly, it also aims to promote and encourage a culture of RESPECT by and to all Members, Officers, Players, Parents/Guardians, Mentors, Supporters, Match Officials, Units and Teams. All members who fall within one or more of those categories should demonstrate, maintain and promote the highest levels of sportsmanship, integrity, discipline, fair play and respect at all times.

Each individual member, officer, player, parent/guardian, mentor, supporter, match official, unit and team should at all times conduct themselves in a way that reflects the rules and principles of the Association and the guidelines contained in all other relevant codes promoting good practice. Every individual should at all times show respect and understanding for the rights, safety and welfare of others.

In compliance with this Code, Cumann Lúthchleas Gael will strive to ensure that the agreed Code of Conduct is adopted and implemented and that it shall apply to all its Members, Officers, Players, Parents/Guardians, Mentors, Supporters, Match Officials, Units and Teams. The Code shall be binding on all of the above and breaches of the Code shall be subject to appropriate action under rule.

2 Aims and Ethos of the GAA

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AIMS AND ETHOS

The basic aim of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael as set out in Riail 1.2 of the GAA Official Guide is ‘the strengthening of the National Identity in a 32 County Ireland through the preservation and promotion of Gaelic Games and pastimes’. It promotes and controls the national games of Hurling, Gaelic Football, Handball and Rounders and actively supports, Camogie, Ladies Football, the Irish language, culture, music, song and dance and the promotion of communities abroad.

Cumann Lúthchleas Gael is an amateur Association and is committed to being non-party political, anti-sectarian and anti-racist. It is also committed to the safe-guarding of children and young people.

3 Mission, Vision and Values of the GAA

MISSION

The primary role of the Gaelic Athletic Association is the development and promotion of Gaelic games as a principal component of Irish identity and culture. The Association aims to maintain and enhance its position as Ireland’s pre-eminent, community-based, amateur sporting organisation. In promoting our games, the Association develops an ethos of local identity and a sense of place. This is achieved by encouraging participation from all sectors of the community, at home and abroad, whilst promoting sportsmanship, discipline and personal development among its members.

The GAA is a volunteer organisation. We develop and promote Gaelic Games at the core of Irish identity and culture. We are dedicated to ensuring that our family of games, and the values we live, enrich the lives of our members, families and the communities we serve. We are committed to active lifelong participation for all and to providing the best facilities. We reach out to and include all members of our society. We promote individual development and well-being as we strive to enable all our members achieve their full potential in their chosen roles.

The G.A.A. is a non-party political, anti-sectarian and anti-racist organisation. It values, and prospers from, the enormous voluntary efforts of its members, the amateur status of its players and its mentors, and the dedication of its employees. The Association, being membership-based, is responsive to changes in society and to the wishes of its members, who ultimately ‘own’ the organisation.

VISION

Our vision is that everybody has the opportunity to be welcomed to take part in our games and culture, to participate fully, to grow and develop and to be inspired to keep a lifelong engagement with our Association.

Through the promotion of our National Games, the GAA aims to build a sense of local community identity and national *tír grá* within Irish communities at home and abroad.

VALUES

The GAA's values are the heart and soul of our Association. In every Club around the world, they are what bind us, what makes us unique and what attracts more and more players, members, volunteers and supporters.

Community Identity

- Community is at the heart of our Association. Everything we do helps to enrich the communities we serve and support
- We foster a clear sense of identity and place

Amateur Status

- We are a volunteer led organisation
- All members who play our games do so as amateurs
- We provide a games programme at all levels to meet the needs of all our players

Inclusiveness

- We welcome everybody to be part of our Association
- We are anti sectarian
- We are anti-racist

Respect

- We respect each other on and off the playing fields
- We operate with integrity at all levels
- We listen to and respect the views of all

Player Welfare

- We aim to provide the best playing experience for all our players
- We recognise that the welfare of players is of paramount importance to the GAA and its future success
- We structure our games to allow players of all abilities to reach their potential

Teamwork

- Effective teamwork on and off the field is the cornerstone of our Association
- Ní neart go cur le chéile (There is no strength without working together)

4 Code for Officers, Members, Players, Parents/Guardians, Mentors, Supporters, Match Officials, Teams and Units.

4.1 Scope of Code

This Code of Conduct forms part of the Official Guide of The Gaelic Athletic Association in accordance with Rule 1.14. The Code is binding on all members of the Association.

Rule 1.14

The Central Council shall adopt a Code of Conduct for Officers and Members of the Association, defining appropriate behaviour and practices. The Code shall specify the disciplinary procedures to be applied for breaches of the Code. This Rule shall give and constitute authority for the carrying out of all functions and actions in accordance with the Code.

The Code accompanies all other Codes and should be read and implemented in association with them.

NOTE: The Code of Conduct Committee respectfully requests that consideration be given to amending Rule 1.14 so as to read as follows:

*Rule 1.14: The Central Council shall adopt a Code of Conduct for **Officers, Members, Players, Parents/Guardians, Mentors, Supporters, Match Officials, Teams and Units**, defining appropriate behaviour and practices. The Code shall specify the disciplinary procedures to be applied for breaches of the Code. This Rule shall give and constitute authority for the carrying out of all functions and actions in accordance with the Code.*

4.2 Members

Membership of the Association is defined and outlined in Riail 2.1 of the GAA Official Guide (An Treoraí Oifigiúil).

Responsibility for communicating all aspects of the GAA Code of Conduct (including breaches and penalties) in relation to a member(s) shall rest with the relevant Chairperson and Committee of the unit of the member(s).

In addition to aspects of the Code that apply to officers, players, parents/guardians, mentors, supporters and match officials, **Members of the Association shall:**

- Uphold the values and ethos of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael
- Support the GAA Code of Conduct
- Act within the law
- Maintain, demonstrate and promote the highest standards of integrity and respect
- Demonstrate loyalty and allegiance to their unit(s) and team(s)
- Recognise and appreciate the role and efforts of other members
- Demonstrate a positive attitude to the games and activities of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael
- Respect and act within the Rules of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael and adhere to and uphold all regulations, policies, codes of behaviour/conduct

- Respect and accept the decisions of all Committees and Councils
- Accept that they should be subject to the authority of the relevant Committee/Council
- Show respect for and to all members, players, parents/guardians, mentors, supporters and match officials of their unit and those of all other GAA units, teams, Committees and Councils.
- Show respect for all property, including that of all GAA units
- Behave in an appropriate manner at all times, as would befit a member of CLG
- Report breaches of law, and of rules (disciplinary and otherwise) of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael, to the appropriate/relevant Committee/Council/Authority.

4.3 Officers of the Association

An Officer at any level of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael may be elected, appointed or employed. They shall be deemed to have full knowledge of the Rules and Regulations of the Association and be bound by them. The conduct of an individual officer must be viewed as relevant to the status of the office as well as to the status of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael at any or all levels.

Responsibility for communicating all aspects of the GAA Code of Conduct (including breaches and penalties) in relation to an officer(s) shall rest with the relevant Chairperson and Committee of the unit served by the officer(s).

In addition to aspects of the Code that apply to members, players, parents/guardians, mentors, supporters and match officials, **Officers of the Association shall:**

- Uphold the values and ethos of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael
- Promote the best interests of their unit(s) and Cumann Lúthchleas Gael
- Implement, support and promote the GAA Code of Conduct
- Act within the law
- Maintain, demonstrate and promote the highest standards of integrity, respect, leadership, sportsmanship while carrying out the duties of the office
- Act as a role model and maintain and promote the highest standards of personal conduct
- Demonstrate and support pride, loyalty and allegiance among members
- Implement, maintain and uphold all rules of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael (in the spirit as well as the law) within their unit(s) and among members
- Maintain the highest levels of integrity and impartiality when implementing rules and decisions
- Recognise and appreciate the role of other members, players, parents/guardians, mentors, supporters and match officials

- Act within the Rules of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael and adhere to and uphold all regulations, policies, codes of behaviour and conduct
- Maintain the highest standards of administration and leadership
- Respect the confidentiality of discussion at Committee and other meetings
- Respect the confidentiality of any sensitive information obtained during the course of duty
- Accept that they should be subject to the authority of the relevant Committee/Council
- Maintain the highest levels of integrity and discretion when dealing with decisions of your Committee/Council and their implications. This, by extension, shall also apply in relation to dealings with individuals outside of Committees/Councils and the media
- If required, where appropriate and necessary, represent the Committee/Council (and their decisions, views and interests) at other Committees, Councils, hearings, etc.
- Behave in an appropriate manner at all times, as would befit an officer of CLG
- Report breaches of law, and of GAA Rules, Code and Guidelines (disciplinary and otherwise) to the appropriate/relevant Committee/Council/Authority.

4.4 Players

Responsibility for communicating all aspects of the GAA Code of Conduct (including breaches and penalties) in relation to a player(s) shall rest with the relevant Chairperson and Committee of the unit of the player(s).

In addition to aspects of the Code that apply to members, officers, parents/guardians, mentors, supporters and match officials, **Players shall:**

- Uphold the values and ethos of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael
- Support the GAA Code of Conduct
- Act within the law
- Participate with the highest standards of sportsmanship, respect and discipline
- Act as a role model to fellow players, members and supporters
- Demonstrate pride, loyalty and allegiance to their team(s) and unit(s)
- Adhere to and respect the Rules, Codes and Guidelines of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael (including Playing Rules)
- Accept that they should be subject to the authority of the relevant Committee/Council
- Show respect to referees and all match officials and their decisions
- Show respect for and to all coaches, officers/officials, mentors and fellow members of your unit and team
- Show respect to opposition players, coaches, mentors, referees and all officials

- Show respect for all property, including that of all GAA units
- Behave in an appropriate manner at all times, as would befit a playing member of CLG and an ambassador for their unit(s) and team(s)

4.5 Parents/Guardians

Parents/Guardians have important roles to play in assisting and encouraging their children to fully participate in Gaelic Games and the GAA.

In addition to aspects of the Code that apply to members, officers, players, mentors, supporters, match officials and players, **Parents/Guardians shall:**

- Promote and support Fair Play
- Promote and support Respect
- Uphold the values and ethos of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael
- Support the GAA Code of Conduct
- Act within the law
- Recognise and appreciate the role and efforts of all players, coaches and mentors
- Encourage children and young participants to play for their own enjoyment
- Encourage their child/children to understand and participate within the Rules of the Association (in spirit and law)
- Demonstrate a positive attitude to the games and activities of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael
- Respect and act within the Rules, Codes and Guidelines of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael
- Respect the rights and dignity of all young participants
- Act as role models for children and young participants
- Show respect for and to all members, officers, players, mentors, supporters and match officials of their unit and those of all other GAA units, teams, Committees and Councils.
- Show respect for all property, including that of all GAA units

4.6 Mentors

Responsibility for communicating all aspects of the GAA Code of Conduct (including breaches and penalties) in relation to a mentor(s) shall rest with the relevant Chairperson and Committee of the unit served by the mentor(s).

In addition to aspects of the Code that apply to members, officers, players, parents/guardians, supporters and match officials, **Mentors shall:**

- Encourage and promote Fair Play and Respect
- Uphold the values and ethos of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael
- Support and promote the GAA Code of Conduct
- Act within the law

- Maintain, demonstrate and promote the highest standards of integrity, respect, leadership, sportsmanship and discipline - the behaviour of mentors to players, other officials, and opponents will have an effect on the players under their control and guidance
- Avail of all relevant training and acquire all necessary qualifications where applicable
- Show respect for all players, mentors, coaches and match officials
- Encourage all players to show respect for fellow players, mentors, coaches and match officials
- Act as a role model and maintain and promote the highest standards of personal conduct
- Encourage pride, loyalty and allegiance among players
- Create a safe and enjoyable environment in which to train and play
- Respect the decisions of referees and all match officials
- Act within the Rules, Codes and Guidelines of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael and adhere to and uphold all regulations and policies of the Association
- Accept that they should be subject to the authority of the relevant Committee/Council
- Report breaches of law, and of GAA Rules, Code and Guidelines (disciplinary and otherwise) to the appropriate/relevant Committee/Council/Authority.

4.7 Supporters

Supporters have a valuable contribution to make to the enjoyment and success of GAA games and activities.

In addition to aspects of the Code that apply to members, officers, players, mentors, supporters and match officials, **Supporters shall:**

- Promote and support Respect
- Support the GAA Code of Conduct
- Act within the law
- Recognise and appreciate the role and efforts of all players, coaches and mentors
- Respect the role and decisions of referees and all match officials
- Demonstrate a positive attitude to the games and activities of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael
- Respect the rights and dignity of all young participants
- Act as role models for other supporters and young people by maintaining the highest standards of personal conduct
- Refrain from using foul or abusive language

- Refrain from any other forms of abuse towards players, officers, mentors, match officials or other supporters
- Show respect for and to all members, officers, players, mentors, supporters and match officials of their unit and those of all other GAA units, teams, Committees and Councils.
- Show respect for all property, including that of all GAA units
- Adhere to the Code of Best Practice in Youth Sport (*Our Games Our Code*) at all times when in the presence of juveniles.

4.8 Match Officials

Responsibility for communicating all aspects of the GAA Code of Conduct (including breaches and penalties) in relation to a match official(s) shall rest with the relevant Chairperson and Committee in charge

In addition to aspects of the Code that apply to members, officers, players, parents/guardians, mentors and supporters, **Match Officials shall:**

- Promote and encourage Fair Play and Respect
- Uphold the values and ethos of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael
- Support the GAA Code of Conduct
- Act within the law
- Implement the rules of the Association in relation to games
- Officiate and apply the rules with the highest standards of integrity and impartiality
- Provide reports of all games to the relevant Committee(s)
- Demonstrate the highest standards of leadership and communication
- Act as a role model to players and fellow officials
- Avail of all relevant training and acquire all necessary qualifications where applicable
- Show respect to players, coaches, officers/officials, mentors and supporters
- Act within the Rules, Codes and Guidelines of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael and adhere to and uphold all regulations and policies of the Association
- Behave in an appropriate manner at all times, as would befit a match official of CLG.

4.9 Units and Teams:

Responsibility for communicating all aspects of the GAA Code of Conduct (including breaches and penalties) in relation to units and teams shall rest with the Chairperson and Committee of the unit.

In addition to aspects of the Code that apply to members, officers, players, parents/guardians, mentors, supporters and match officials, **Units and Teams shall:**

- Support, promote and implement the GAA Code of Conduct

- Act within the law
- Maintain, demonstrate and promote the highest standards of integrity, respect, leadership, sportsmanship and discipline among all members of the unit and teams
- Uphold the values of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael
- Demonstrate and support pride, loyalty and allegiance among members
- Participate in all relevant competitions and tournaments with the highest standards of sportsmanship, respect and discipline
- Maintain all rules on amateur status among members, players and mentors
- Recognise and appreciate the role of other members, players, officers/officials, mentors and supporters
- Familiarise members of the unit and teams with the various rules of the Association and games
- Act within the Rules of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael and adhere to and uphold all regulations, policies, codes of behaviour and conduct
- Adopt and implement necessary Club Constitutions, Codes of Conduct and Best Practice
- Maintain the highest standards of participation, administration and communication
- Ensure that all rules, guidelines and codes of the unit are not in conflict with those of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael
- Uphold the Treoraí Oifigiúil and all rules of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael in the spirit as well as in the law
- Accept that they should be subject to the authority of the relevant Committee/Council
- Establish appropriate and necessary structures to maintain and operate the unit and teams
- Establish appropriate and necessary structures to deal with and report complaints and breaches of any applicable laws, rules, regulations, codes or guidelines
- Apply all relevant rules, guidelines, penalties where breaches of GAA rules or regulations occur
- Demonstrate, encourage and promote respect for and to all coaches, officers/officials, mentors and fellow members of your unit and team and those of all other GAA units, teams, Committees and Councils
- Show, encourage and promote respect to opposition players, mentors, referees and all officials
- Show, encourage and promote respect for all property, including that of all GAA units
- Behave in an appropriate manner at all times, as would befit units and teams of CLG

- Report breaches of law, and of rules (disciplinary and otherwise) of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael, to the appropriate/relevant Committee/Council/Authority
- Ensure that their units shall be represented (with adequate voting rights) at all relevant meetings.

5 Sanctions for breaches of the Code of Conduct by members and non-members of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael

5.1 Members: This section outlines the actions to be taken against members of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael at Club, County, Provincial or National level.

Having considered and reviewed a complaint of alleged breach, the relevant Code of Conduct Committee shall have the power to take the following actions in respect of a member of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael:

- (1) Debarment from certain or all levels of participation that a member may have in the Association.
- (2) Such further action(s) as deemed appropriate.

In matters pertaining to the Code of Conduct, a Club or County Code of Conduct Committee shall not have the power to expel a member/members from Cumann Lúthchleas Gael. Such action may only be considered and taken by the National Code of Conduct Committee and may be subject to appeal to the National Code of Conduct/Code of Best Practice Appeals Panel.

5.2 Non-Members: The relevant Code of Conduct Committee may, following a breach of the Code by a non-member of the Association, place a sanction upon that person relating to their attendance and or participation in Gaelic Games or Cumann Luthchleas Gael activities.

6. Processing an alleged breach of the Code of Conduct

This section outlines a proposed structure at Club and County level to deal with alleged breach (es) of the Code of Conduct.

6.1 Processing an alleged breach of the Code of Conduct at Club Level

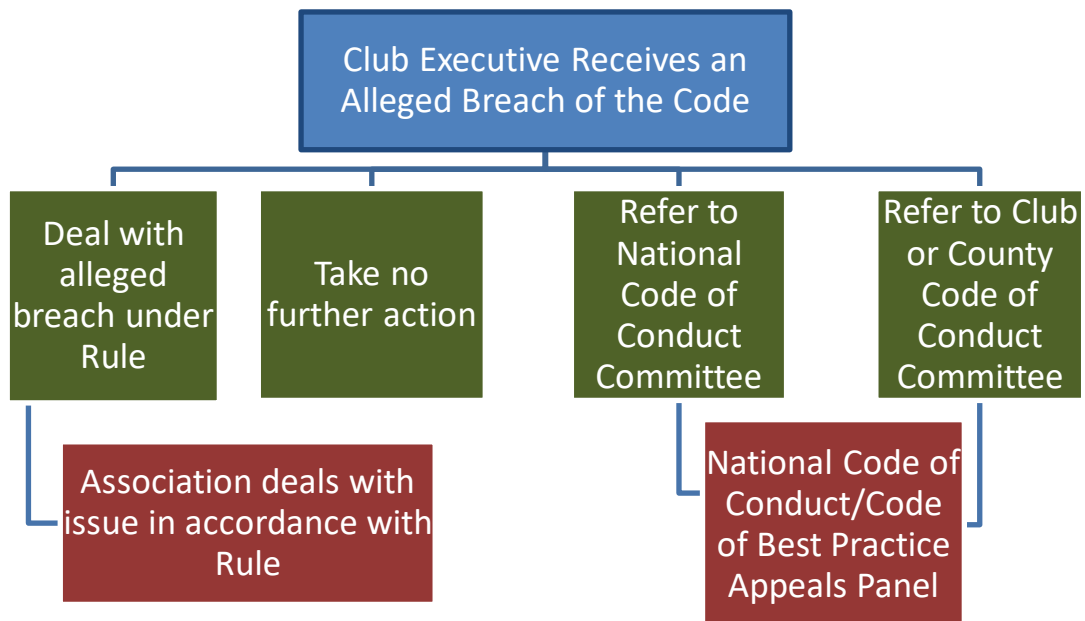
Each Club must appoint a Club Code of Conduct Committee.

The Club Executive may receive a complaint of alleged breach of the Code of Conduct from members of the Club, members of other Clubs or from members of the public. When this happens, they may:

- 1 Refer the matter to the Club or County Code of Conduct Committee
- 2 Refer the alleged breach to the National Code of Conduct Committee
- 3 Deem the alleged breach to be of such a nature that it does not merit it being forwarded to any party for further action
- 4 Deal with the matter in accordance with GAA Disciplinary Rules

Club Code of Conduct Committee:

- The Club Executive shall appoint a 3 person Club Code of Conduct Committee to hear allegations of breaches of the Code of Conduct at Club level. One of these three persons shall be an Officer of the Club Executive who shall be appointed by the Executive as Chairperson of the Code Committee.
- The Club Code of Conduct Committee shall appoint a Secretary from within its membership
- Where a conflict of interest is perceived to exist for any member of the Committee, due to consideration of an alleged breach of the Code, they shall temporarily withdraw from such deliberations but shall resume their membership of the Committee once the matter has been decided upon in their absence
- The Club Code of Conduct Committee shall have the authority to determine if an allegation is deemed to be in breach of the Code of Conduct and shall determine what action or sanction may be passed against the individual or individuals or unit(s) as a result of the breach of the Code.



6.2 Processing an alleged breach of the Code of Conduct at County Level

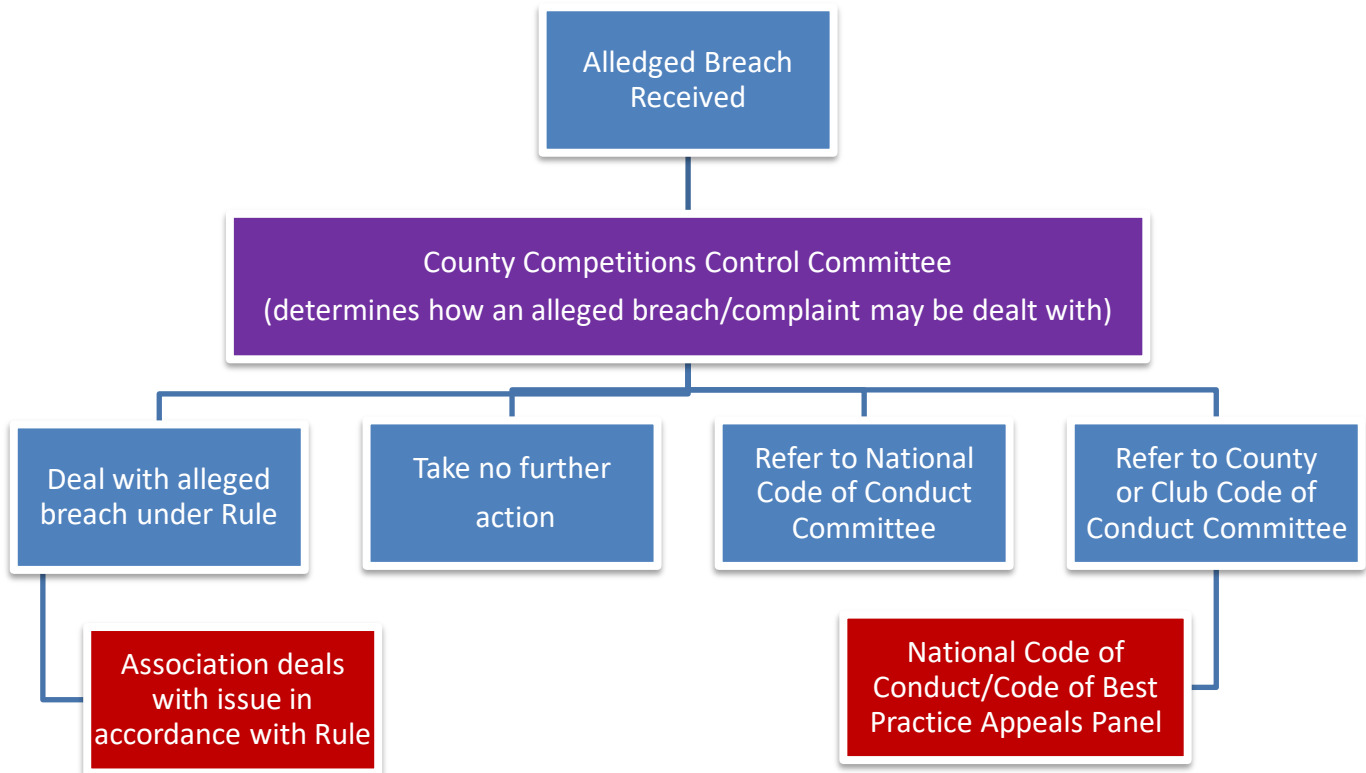
The County Committee may receive a complaint of alleged breach of the Code of Conduct from members or Units of the GAA or from members of the public. All allegations of breaches of the GAA Code of Conduct at County level shall be forwarded by the County Committee to the County GAA CCC to determine how the alleged breach or complaint may be dealt with.

The County Executive shall then abide by one of the following decisions of the County CCC:

1. Refer the matter to the County or a Club Code of Conduct Committee to be decided upon
2. Refer the alleged breach to the National Code of Conduct Committee
3. Deem the alleged breach to be of such a nature that it does not merit it being forwarded to any party for further action
4. Deal with the matter in accordance with GAA Disciplinary Rules

County Code of Conduct Committee:

- The County Committee shall appoint a 3 person Code of Conduct Committee to hear complaints or allegations of breaches of the Code of Conduct at County level. One of these three persons shall be an Officer of the County Committee who shall be appointed by the County Committee as Chairperson of the County Code of Conduct Committee.
- The County Code of Conduct Committee shall appoint a Secretary from within its membership
- Where a conflict of interest is perceived to exist for any member of the Committee, when considering an alleged breach of the Code, they shall temporarily withdraw from such deliberations but shall resume their membership of the Committee once the matter has been decided upon in their absence
- The County Code of Conduct Committee shall have the authority to determine if a complaint, allegation or reported misdemeanour is deemed to be in breach of the Code of Conduct and shall determine what action or sanction may be passed against the individual or individuals or unit(s) as a result of the breach of the Code.



6.3 PROVINCIAL / NATIONAL LEVEL

Breaches of the Code of Conduct by Members, Officers, Players, Parents/Guardians, Mentors, Supporters, Match Officials or Units of the Association, alleged to have occurred at Provincial or National games, events or activities held under the auspices or direction of any unit of the Association, shall be forwarded to the National Code of Conduct Committee to be adjudicated upon, in the first instance, at that forum and in accordance with agreed procedures.

6.4 Appeals

Where a sanction has been imposed against an individual or a unit, following an inquiry into an alleged breach of the Code of Conduct, whether at Club, County, Provincial or National level, the individual or unit has the right to appeal this decision to the National Code of Conduct/Code of Best Practice Appeals Panel.

7 Terms of Reference - GAA Code of Conduct

7.1 Terms of Reference - Background

The GAA Code of Conduct is a basic set of principles that establishes acceptable standards of behaviour for Members, Officers, Players, Parents/Guardians, Mentors, Supporters, Match Officials, Units and Teams in addition to the requirements of Rules applying to members.

The aim of this Code is to promote good practice by all involved in Cumann Lúthchleas Gael. More importantly, it also aims to promote and encourage a culture of RESPECT by and to all Members, Officers, Players, Parents/Guardians, Mentors, Supporters, Match Officials, Units and Teams. All members who fall within one or more of those categories should at all times demonstrate, maintain and promote the highest levels of sportsmanship, integrity, discipline, fair play and respect.

This GAA Code of Conduct forms part of the Official Guide of The Gaelic Athletic Association under Rule 1.14 and the Code is binding on all members of the Association

The GAA Code of Conduct covers breaches which may occur at all or any level of the Association e.g. Club, County or National level. Additionally, certain actions by a member of the Association in the public or private domain may be alleged to be unbecoming of a member of the Association or may be deemed to have harmed the reputation of the Association.

It is acknowledged that certain alleged breaches of the Code may be dealt with in an informal manner at Club or County level. Where alleged breaches of a more serious nature require

greater scrutiny it may be more appropriate to refer such concerns to a specially appointed Committee for direction. It is envisaged that the members appointed to all GAA Code of Conduct Committees (GAA CCC) shall be given the necessary training to carry out their tasks in a fair and just manner.

Club, County and National processes for dealing with alleged breaches of the GAA Code of Conduct are as follows:

7.2 CLUB LEVEL

Proposal to deal with Alleged Breaches of the GAA Code of Conduct at Club level:

The Club Executive may receive a complaint of alleged breach (es) of the GAA Code from members of the Club, members of other Clubs or members of the public. The Club Executive shall then abide by one of the following:

- 1 Refer to Club or County GAA Code of Conduct Committee to adjudicate upon in accordance with agreed procedures
- 2 Refer the alleged breach or complaint to the National GAA Code of Conduct Committee to adjudicate upon in accordance with agreed procedures
- 3 Deem the alleged breach to be of such a nature that the complaint does not merit it being forwarded to any other party for further action
- 4 Deal with the matter in accordance with Association disciplinary Rules

7.3 County Level

Proposal to deal with Alleged Breaches of the GAA Code of Conduct at County level.

The County Executive may receive a complaint of alleged breach of the GAA Code of Conduct from members or Units of the GAA or from members of the public. All allegations of breaches of the GAA Code of Conduct at County level shall be forwarded by the County Committee to the County GAA CCC to determine how the alleged breach or complaint may be dealt with. The County Executive shall then abide by one of the following as decided by the County CCC.

- 1 Refer to Club or County GAA Code of Conduct Committee to adjudicate upon in accordance with agreed procedures
- 2 Refer to the National GAA Code of Conduct Committee to adjudicate upon in accordance with agreed procedures
- 3 Deem the alleged breach to be of such a nature that the complaint does not merit it being forwarded to any other party for further action
- 4 Deal with the matter in accordance with Association disciplinary Rules or refer to an appropriate body to be dealt with

7.4 National Code of Conduct Committee

The National GAA Code of Conduct Committee shall be appointed by Uachtarán CLG for a 3 year period. It shall:

1. Be responsible for the promotion of the GAA Code of Conduct

2. Liaise with the Uachtarán in relation to the GAA membership of the Code of Conduct & Best Practice Appeals Panel.
3. Adjudicate upon complaints referred to it in accordance with agreed procedures.
4. Report as required to Coiste Bainisti CLG

7.5 Appeals

Where a sanction has been imposed against an individual or a unit, following an enquiry into an alleged breach of the GAA Code of Conduct, whether at Club, County, Provincial or National level, the individual or unit shall have the right of appeal to the Code of Conduct & Code of Best Practice Appeals Panel.

8. Code of Conduct and Code of Best Practice Appeals Panel

The Code of Conduct & Best Practice Appeals Panel shall be appointed by Uachtarán CLG, for a three year period. The Committee shall consist of representatives of the Ladies Gaelic Football Association, The Camogie Association and the GAA plus a Chairperson appointed by Uachtarán CLG.

The role of the Appeals Panel shall be to hear cases referred to it by Club, County or National GAA Code of Conduct Committees. It will also adjudicate on appeals by individuals or units of the Association who are aggrieved by a decision of the Club or County GAA Code of Conduct Committee.

Where an individual or unit of the Association or a non-member of the Association appeals a sanction imposed upon them as a result of a breach of the GAA Code of Conduct their appeal(s) may only be heard by two or more of the GAA nominated members of the Code of Conduct & Code of Best Practice Appeals Panel.

The Appeals Panel shall also be the body to hear appeals from individuals or units of the GAA, Ladies Gaelic Football Association, The Camogie Association and the Rounders and Handball Councils or from non-members against whom sanctions have been imposed following breaches of the Code of Best Practice in Youth Sport.

