



Claregalway GAA

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Claregalway Juvenile Football Club believes in adopting a youth centred approach in the development and promotion of Gaelic Football at underage level. Our philosophy is to assist young players to value discipline and to strive to achieve their full potential as they mature and develop. We value all young players and will always treat them with the highest level of respect. Their dignity and personal integrity are paramount to us and we hope that participation in our sport will enable them to have fun, make friends and become better players.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PLAYERS:

- 1) Learn and always observe the rules of your game when playing.
- 2) Play fairly and represent your club with pride and dignity: never cheat or feign injury in order to gain unfair advantage or to influence referees decision.
- 3) Always show respect to your team mates, opponents, coaches, spectators and match officials.
- 4) Always be modest in victory and gracious in defeat.
- 5) Avoid foul language and rude gestures when training or playing in competition and never direct such language or gestures towards team mates, opponents, spectators, coaches or match officials.
- 6) Never intentionally strike or strive to cause physical harm to an opponent on the field of play.
- 7) Bring to the attention of your coach any acts of misbehaviour by other club members.
- 8) Be punctual – avoid being late for training sessions and matches. If unable to attend, please inform your coach in good time.
- 9) Dress modestly when attending training sessions or playing in matches.
- 10) Be properly attired in your club colours when playing in competition.
- 11) Wearing of jewellery is not permitted during training sessions or games.



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- 12) Please avoid bringing valuables to training sessions or matches.
- 13) Under no circumstances should mobile phones be used in dressing rooms to take photographs.
- 14) Please insure that your membership is up to date by paying your annual membership fee in good time.
- 15) Always strive to set good example to other club members by observing this Code of Conduct.
- 16) Have fun, make friends and enjoy your football.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MANAGERS AND COACHES:

- 1) Respect the rights and dignity of every young member regardless of ability.
- 2) Be punctual, properly attired, lead by good example and avoid smoking and the consumption of alcohol in the presence of young players.
- 3) Never shout at or lecture players or ridicule them when they make a mistake. Players should not be afraid to make mistakes.
- 4) Praise and reinforce effort and commitment and provide positive feedback.
- 5) Don't equate losing with failure and do not develop a preoccupation with winning.
- 6) Never use any form of corporal punishment or physical force.
- 7) Never direct foul language or rude gestures to young players, match officials or spectators.
- 8) Always ensure that your players know the rules of the game and that they observe them
- 9) Rotate the team captaincy and the method used for selecting teams so that the same children are not always last to be selected.
- 10) Do not have a situation where you are alone in a car or dressing room with a child.
- 11) Do not take training sessions on your own.
- 12) Avoid any inappropriate contact when assisting players to perform an exercise or when administering First Aid.
- 13) Make adequate provision for First Aid and never allow players to play when injured. Always call on the services of a medical professional if available.
- 14) Always ensure a safe environment for players e.g. never play games on poor quality pitches or in dangerous weather conditions. Ensure dressing rooms are safe and secure.



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- 15) If accepting valuables from players during training sessions or games always ensure their safekeeping.
- 16) Never leave young players unaccompanied while they are waiting to be collected by their parents.
- 17) Repeated misconduct by any one member should be reported to the Juvenile Committee so that appropriate disciplinary action may be taken.
- 18) Make participation in our game a source of fun and enjoyment for our players.
- 19) Ensure good example and a safe environment for all our players by observing this Code of Conduct.

CODE OF CONDUCT PARENTS AND GUARDIANS:

- 1) Parents should encourage their children to maintain an involvement in our sport.
- 2) Parents should endeavour to attend games in competition on a regular basis and assist in the organisation of club activities.
- 3) Parents should not attempt to meet their own needs for success and achievement through their children's participation in our sport.
- 4) Parents should show approval for effort and not just results.
- 5) Parents should not exert undue pressure on their children and should endeavour to make participation in our games enjoyable.
- 6) When attending games always cheer and never jeer.
- 7) Be punctual when dropping off and collecting children from training and matches.
- 8) Ensure that your children have proper gear and are properly attired in club colours when playing in competition.
- 9) We encourage parents to befriend our coaches and managers and to feel free to contact them concerning issues at all times.
- 10) As spectators at our games we would request parents to, at all times behave appropriately.
- 11) Parents should ensure that their children's annual club membership fee is up to date.
- 12) Parents should understand the rules of our game.