



CODE OF BEHAVIOUR FOR PARENTS

This Code of Behaviour for Parents within Ballyboden St. Enda's is derived from the Official Code of Behaviour (Underage), which is the mandatory Code of Behaviour for all Gaelic Games Associations in relation to underage players: <https://www.gaa.ie/the-gaa/child-safeguarding-and-protection/code-of-behaviour>

Ballyboden St. Enda's GAA club seeks and encourages the active participation of all parents and guardians. In common with coaches and club personnel, the parents and guardians of juvenile players are role models for children and young people within the Club and are expected to behave accordingly.

Community Identity
Amateur Status
Inclusiveness

PROMOTING THE CLUB'S VALUES

Respect
Player Welfare
Teamwork

Parents/guardians should recognise and promote these values by encouraging their child/young person to:

- develop their skill levels by attending training and games on a regular basis.
- always play by the rules and respect match officials.
- respect everybody on their team and their opponents, regardless of ability.
- appreciate the contribution made by their coaches towards developing players and teams.
- get involved in the club community through various projects and initiatives both on and off the pitch.

BEING AWARE

As a parent/guardian there are a number of basic responsibilities you should be aware of, including to:

- complete through Foireann or on the Child/Youth Membership Form the annual registration/permission and medical consent information for your child's participation in the Club.
- inform the coaches, and any other relevant Club personnel, of any changes in your child's medical or dietary requirements prior to coaching sessions, games or other activities.
- ensure that your child punctually attends coaching sessions/games or other activities.
- provide your child with adequate clothing and equipment as may be required for the playing of our games including for example helmets, shin guards, gum shields etc.
- ensure that the nutrition/hydration and hygiene needs of your child are met.
- never encourage your child to consume non-prescribed drugs or take performance enhancing supplements.
- raise any issues or concerns you may have regarding your child's participation or performance with the team coach(es) in a constructive, non-confrontational fashion and at the appropriate time i.e. when not in the company or vicinity of other players or parents. In the event that the matter is not resolved, contact the Club Secretary and request a copy of the Club's Dispute Resolution Policy.

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LEADING BY EXAMPLE

Parents/guardians are role models within the Club and should behave accordingly. Parents/guardians are asked to follow some simple do's and don'ts:

DO'S



- Attend and support your child at their training and games.
- Adopt a positive attitude to children's participation in our games.
- Respect officials' decisions and encourage children to do likewise.
- Be realistic in your expectations of your child, their teammates and our volunteer coaches.
- Practice the skills of the game at home with your child – it can make a huge difference.
- Appreciate the contributions of your volunteer coaches and encourage your child to thank their coaches after each session.
- Show approval for effort, not just results.
- Applaud good play from all teams.
- Support the Club by becoming an active member and participating in Club activities.
- Bring complaints about the conduct or practice of a coach to the attention of the relevant Club Official(s).
- Parents, and their children should wherever possible walk or cycle to the Club. When travelling to the Club by car, parents are required to park legally and with respect and consideration to our neighbours, who are part of our community.

DON'TS



- Be preoccupied with winning or trophies to the detriment of enjoyment and fun.
- Embarrass a child or use sarcastic remarks towards a player.
- Criticise playing performances but instead support skill development.
- Seek to unfairly affect a game or player.
- Enter the field of play unless specifically invited to do so by an official in charge.
- Enter team dressing rooms unless deemed necessary by team coach(es) so as to protect the privacy of all players.