



Kilcoole GAA & LGF Club: Code of Behaviour for Parents

Parents of young players of Kilcoole GAA & LGF club, herein referred to as “Club” or “The Club”, have an influential role to play in encouraging their child to fully participate in Gaelic Games and should act as role models for their children. Parents are to abide by this Code of Behaviour and any other policies or codes that have been ratified by the Club Executive, the GAA & the LGFA, including the [GAA & LGFA Code of Behaviour](#).

Code of Behaviour for Parents of Underage Teams

<p>Parents & Guardians should encourage their child to:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Always 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.
<p>Parents & Guardians should lead by example::</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adopt a positive attitude to their children’s participation in our games. • 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 all coaches, games officials, opponents and club executive, and abide by any decisions they make. • Be realistic in your expectations. • Show approval for effort, not just results. • 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?” Always ask “Did they enjoy themselves?” • Never embarrass a child or use sarcastic remarks towards a player. • Do not criticise playing performances. • Do not seek to unfairly affect a game or player. • Do not enter the field of play unless specifically invited to do so by an official in charge.
<p>Parents & Guardians must:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete and return registrations/permission and medical consent forms for their child’s participation in the Club. • Inform the coaches, and any other relevant Club personnel, of any changes in their child’s medical or dietary requirements prior to coaching sessions, games or other related activities. • Ensure their child understands the Player Contract and signs contract with their child. • Ensure that their child punctually attends, coaching sessions, games or other related activities. • Provide their child with adequate clothing and equipment as may be required for the playing of our games. • Ensure that the nutrition/hydration and hygiene needs of their child are met. • Listen to what their child may have to say. • Show approval whether the team wins, loses or draws a game. • Show respect for opposition teams, including their coaches/mentors, and all match officials. • Never play or train if they feel unwell or are injured. • Never attempt to meet their own needs and aspirations for success and achievement through their children’s participation in games. • Be present at training and matches to administer medications if their child requires it.
<p>Parents & Guardians should assist the Club by:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Showing their appreciation to volunteers, coaches, mentors and Club officials. • Attending training and games on a regular basis. • Assisting in the organising of Club activities and events as requested. • Respecting the rights, dignity and worth of every person and by treating each one equally regardless of age, gender, ability, ethnic origin, cultural background or religion.
<p>Parents & Guardians have the right to:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 by their team manager. • Be informed if their child gets injured.

