

# Ballinderreen Hurling Club

## CODE OF CONDUCT

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## SECTION 1:

### **PARENTS / GUARDIANS should encourage their child to:**

- Play by the rules.
- Improve their skills levels.
- Appreciate everybody on their team, regardless of ability.

### **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.
- 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.
- 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 and medical consent forms for their child's participation in the club.
- Ensure that their child punctually attends coaching sessions/games or other activities.
- Provide their child with proper clothing and equipment.
- Inform the coach/mentor/manager, in a timely manner, when their son(s) is unavailable for training and games.
- 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.
- Understand and use the clubs lines of communication/escalation policy to deliver feedback, positive or negative. (Escalation Policy: the Coach, then Manager, Coaching Officer, Chairman)
- Be aware that there will be fundraising and other events for the benefit of the Hurling club during the year and will endeavour to assist with and contribute to these events as they arise.

## SECTION 2:

### **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 their Club's Code of Discipline.
- 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.

### SECTION 3:

#### Coaches and other Volunteers must adhere to the code of conduct below:

1. Remember that as a coach of an 'age-grade team' you are acting 'in loco parentis' and that you have a duty of care to all players.
2. Lead by example – young people need a coach/adult they can respect as a Role Model.
3. Be generous with your praise and never ridicule, shout at players for making mistakes or losing a match.
4. Teach the players that the Laws of the Game are mutual agreements which no one should evade or break.
5. Ensure that you are appropriately qualified by gaining the relevant coaching accreditation for your particular level (coaches only).
6. Be reasonable in your demands on the players' time, energy and enthusiasm.
7. Encourage respect for all participants – team mates and opponents, as well as match officials.
8. Create a safe and enjoyable environment in which to train and play.
9. Always follow professional medical advice in determining when an injured player is ready to play again.
10. Develop policies for your club / team to agree procedures regarding discipline, injury prevention and treatment, team selection etc.
11. Understand and use the clubs lines of communication/escalation policy to deliver feedback, positive or negative. (Escalation Policy: the Coach, then Manager, Coaching Officer, Chairman)
12. Be responsible and ensure you uphold the ethos of the game and the GAA.
13. Support the GAA Child Welfare Policy and all policies regarding Children in Sport.
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### SECTION 4:

#### Adult Players

1. Remember that as an adult player, younger players look up to you so **lead by example** and be a good **Role Model**.
2. Adult players must take responsibility for the future of our club by helping out with the Juvenile Club when requested.
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