



## Code of Conduct for St. Mary's Bord na nÓg Players

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All players are expected to comply with the whole thrust of the code of conduct as outlined. Players who breach the guidelines may be disciplined or expelled from the club.

### Young players are entitled to:

- Be safe and to feel safe
- Have fun and experience a sense of enjoyment and fulfilment and enjoy sport
- Be treated with respect, dignity and sensitivity
- Be afforded appropriate confidentiality
- Participate in games and competitions at levels with which they feel comfortable
- Make their concerns known and have them dealt with in an appropriate manner
- Be protected from abuse
- Be listened to and be believed

### Young players should always:

- Play fairly, do their best and enjoy themselves
- Respect fellow team members regardless of ability, cultural or ethnic origin, gender, sexual orientation or religion beliefs – even when things go wrong
- Support fellow team members regardless of whether they do well or not
- Represent their team, their Club and their family with pride and dignity
- Respect all coaches, officials and their opponents
- Be gracious in defeat and modest in victory
- Shake hands before and after a game as part of the Give Respect Get Respect initiative, irrespective of the result
- Inform their Coach/Mentor/Manager in advance if they are unavailable for training and games
- Take due care of Club equipment. Club facilities must be respected and kept clean, tidy and free from litter. Players will be responsible for any damage they cause to club property or any property while engaging in club activity
- Know that it is acceptable to talk to the Club Children's Officer with any concerns or questions they may have

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Adhere to acceptable standards of behaviour and the Club's Code of Discipline – we ask that players never:

- Cheat – always play by the rules
  - Shout at or argue with officials, with their Coach, their team mates or opponents
  - Use violence or physical contact that is not allowed within the rules
  - 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
  - Take photos in dressing rooms/showers/toilets
  - Harm team members, opponents or their property
  - Take banned substances. Smoking or drinking of alcohol is unacceptable and will not be tolerated whilst any player is participating in club activities
  - Leave the playing/training field during Bord na nÓg activity without the consent of the team mentor(s)
  - Wear body-jewellery during training and games
  - Chew gum during training and matches on the grounds of safety
  - Be on Gael-scoil property without permission
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