

Parents' and Spectators' Code of Conduct

St Brigid's GAC Belfast promotes a child centred approach and philosophy in the running of the club to ensure that those working with children and young people are at all times provided a quality sporting and social programme, by working to an agreed philosophy and set of standards. Enforcement of this conduct is the responsibility of every member and any queries about the code should be referred to the Children's Officer(s).

Parents/guardians have an influential role to play in assisting their offspring to adopt positive attitudes and encouraging them to maintain an involvement in sport. Parents should not attempt to meet their own needs for success and achievement through their children's participation in Gaelic games. The following guidelines will be of assistance in this regard:

Parents/Spectators within the club must:

- Attend games on a regular basis and assist in the organisation of club activities.
- Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Encourage children always to play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.
- Never ridicule or raise your voice at a child for making a mistake or not winning.
- Respect officials' decision and encourage children to do likewise.
- Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators.
- Applaud good performance and efforts from all individuals and teams.
- Congratulate all participants, regardless of the game's outcome.
- Condemn the use of violence, verbal abuse or vilification in any form, whether it is by spectators, coaches, officials or players.
- Support policy and practices (and lead by example) in relation to responsible use of alcohol, to child protection issues involving recreational and performance enhancing drugs.
- Support involvement in modified rules, games and other junior development programmes.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

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I understand and agree to abide by the Code of Conduct. I understand that failure to abide by this Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action by the club committee.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Counter-signed _____
(by Children's Officer)