

# **Ballyhogue GAA Club Code of Conduct for Young People**

## **Introduction**

Young player can benefit greatly from sports in terms of personal development and enjoyment. Ballyhogue GAA wishes to provide the best possible environment for all young people involved in sport. Young people deserve to be given enjoyable safe sporting opportunities, free of abuse of any kind. They should also be encouraged to realise that they have responsibilities to treat other participants and mentors with fairness and respect. Ballyhogue GAA Club is committed to safeguarding the well- being of its members and players. Each individual in the club should, at all times, show respect and understanding for their members, rights, safety and welfare and they should conduct themselves in a way that reflects the principles of Ballyhogue GAA Club.

### Young players are entitled to:

- Be safe and to feel safe
- Be listened to
- Be believed
- Be treated with dignity, sensitivity and respect
- Have a voice in the club
- Participate on an equal basis
- Have fun and enjoy sport
- Experience competition at a level at which they feel comfortable
- Make complaints and have them dealt with
- Get help against bullies
- Say no
- To protect their own bodies
- Confidentiality

Young players should:

- Respect fellow team players regardless of ability, cultural or ethnic origin, gender, sexual orientation or religious beliefs
- Always do their best, play fairly and have fun
- Always shake hands before and after a match
- Treat mentors,( coaches, managers, referees, officials etc.) with respect
- Remember that football/ hurling are team sports and your fellow players must be shown respect even if / when things go wrong
- Respect opponents- be gracious in defeat
- Adhere to rules set down by team managers when travelling to away events
- Behave in an appropriate manner at all times
- Respect your club and it's property
- Talk to the Club Children's Officer if they have any concerns/ problems

Young players should never:

- Bully or use bullying tactics to isolate another player
- Use violence or physical contact that is not allowed within the rules
- Shout or argue with officials, team mates or opponents
- Cheat
- Harm team members, opponents or their property
- Use unfair or bullying tactics to gain advantage
- Keep secrets of any nature especially if they may be cause for concern/alarm
- Tell lies about adults/ young people
- Use foul or abusive language
- Spread rumours
- Play or train if they feel unwell or are injured
- Take banned substances