

Role of the Club Children's Officer

- Link between young members and adults within the Club
- Link between the Club and the County Children's Officer
- Ensure that underage players participate and benefit from our games in a safe enjoyable environment
- Promote awareness within the club of the GAA Code of Best Practise in Youth Sport and participate fully on the club executive
- Ensure in as far as is possible that all Players, Coaches/ Team mentors. Parents/Guardians, Officials and spectators adhere to the Code of Best practise.
- Assist with the distribution and completion of membership forms to underage players and Code of Conduct and ensure that they are signed and returned.
- Promote *Give Respect- Get Respect*
- Liaise with parents of underage players and ensure that they are aware of and understand the basic elements of the GAA Code of Best Practise in Youth Sport and that they read and sign it with their son/daughter
- Influence policy and practise within the club in order to children's and young people's needs
- Promote greater consultation with underage players and participation by them in club activities and planning
- Encourage the involvement of parents/ guardians in organising Club activities and to co-operate with the parents in ensuring that every young person enjoys his/her involvement with the club
- Establish good links with the local schools involved in the promotion of Gaelic Games
- Liaise with Coiste Na nOg to ensure that the "child centred ethos" is being adhered to through coaching and games development
- Develop good practise procedures in the recruitment and selection of persons working with young people in the club
- Assist , or oversee, if deemed appropriate, the distribution of Garda Vetting and Access NI forms as applicable to the jurisdiction of the club

- Monitor , in association with team coaches , any significant drop out rates, lack of attendance or club transfers of underage players and report accordingly to the Club Executive or Management Committee
- Maintain on-going contact with the County Board Children's Officer and with other Club Children's officers in the locality
- The Club Children's Officer should avail of any training provided for them at County, Provincial or National level
- Organise Child Protection Awareness Training and GAA Tackling Bullying Workshops in conjunction with the County Children's Officer .
- Deal with alleged breaches of the Code of Behaviour

Club Children's Officers do not have the responsibility to investigate or validate child protection allegations or concerns within the Club. The liaison person appointed by the Club to deal with such allegations is the Club's Designated Liaison Person as per the GAA Guidelines for Dealing with Allegations of Abuse

