



# Dunnamaggin GAELIC GAMES CLUB COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

*Please read and return to club coaching officer prior to commencement of season*

**Coach will adopt a player centred approach by:**

- Being reliable and committed to your role
- Respecting the rights, dignity and worth of every person and treat each other equally
- Being positive during coaching sessions, games and other activities so that players always leave with a sense of achievement and increased level of self esteem
- Recognising the needs of each development player and advocating participation for all
- Skills development and personal satisfaction should have priority over competition
- Develop understanding of relevant coaching methods and ensure that you have appropriate level of coaching qualification
- The level of improvement of each player is the best indicator of effective coaching! – Coaches should not equate losing with failure and should not develop a pre occupation with medals and trophies
- Players learn best through trial and error, accept that mistakes will be made! Shouting at, lecturing or reprimanding/ridiculing players when make a mistake is not acceptable. Players of all levels should not be afraid to risk error so to learn.

**Coaches will lead by example by:**

- Encouraging players to respect the judgement of match officials and opponent players at all times
- Only entering the field of play with the referees permission or when appropriate and will not question the referee decision making and integrity
- Not using foul language or provocative language/gestures to a player, opponent of match official
- Not smoking while working with players around the coaching environment or at games

**Coaches will adopt best practice by:**

- Ensuring all players are suitably and properly attired i.e. mouth guard
- Keep record of attendance at weekly training sessions and games
- Be punctual and properly attired
- Introduce an appropriate method in relation to selecting teams so that players are not always selected to the exclusion of others
- Set realistic and achievable goals for your players appropriate to their development stage
- Encourage parents and players to play an active role in organising and assisting various activities for your team and club
- Utilise the club group texting system if need to communicate with underage players parents/guardians
- Keep record of any injuries and action taken
- Ensure all facilities occupied by the players before, during and after training or a game are kept clean and not damaged in any way
- Never encourage players to play while injured

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_