

**Code of Behaviour – Parents/Guardians**

**It is the wish of Templenoe GAA Club that this Code is developed, promoted and implemented as an initiative that encourages fair play, respect, equality, safety and non-discrimination in all aspects of our work with children and young people.**

**PARENTS/GUARDIANS SHOULD ENCOURAGE THEIR CHILD TO:**

* Always play by the rules.
* Improve their skills levels.
* Appreciate everybody on their team, regardless of ability.
* Maintain a balanced and healthy lifestyle with regard to exercise, food, rest and play. Advice may be sought if necessary from club officials on this issue.
* Respect their Club coaches and opponents,

**PARENTS/GUARDIANS SHOULD LEAD BY EXAMPLE**

* Adopt a positive attitude to their children’s participation in our games.
* Respect official’s decisions and encourage children to do likewise.
* Do not exert undue pressure on your child.
* Never admonish your own child or any other child for their standard of play.
* Be realistic in their expectations.
* Show approval for effort, not just results.
* Avoid asking a child or young person, ‘How much did you score today’ or ‘What did you win by’ or ‘What did you lose by.’ Ask them ‘Did they enjoy themselves’.
* Never embarrass a child or use sarcastic remarks towards a player.
* Applaud good play from all teams.
* Do not criticise playing performances. Identify how improvements may be made.
* Do not seek to unfairly affect a game or player.
* Do not enter the field of play unless specifically invited to do so by an official in charge.

**PARENTS/GUARDIANS SHOULD:**

* Complete and return the registration/permission and medical consent forms for their child’s participation in the Club.
* Inform the Coaches, and any other relevant Club personnel, of any changes in their child’s medical or dietary requirements prior to coaching sessions, games or other activities.
* Ensure that their child punctually attends coaching sessions/games or other activities.
* Provide their child with adequate clothing and equipment as may be required for the playing of our games including for example helmets, shin guards, gum shields etc.
* Ensure that the nutrition/hydration and hygiene needs of their children are met.
* Never encourage your child(ren) to consume non-prescribed drugs or take performance enhancing supplements.
* Listen to what their child may have to say.
* Show approval whether the team wins, loses or draws a game.
* Never attempt to meet their own needs and aspirations for success and achievement through their children’s participation in games.

**PARENTS/GUARDIANS SHOULD ASSIST THEIR CLUBS BY:**

* Showing appreciation to volunteers, coaches and club officials.
* Attending training and games on a regular basis.
* Assisting in the organising of Club activities and events as requested.
* Respecting the rights, dignity and worth of every person and by treating each one equally regardless of age, gender, ability, ethnic origin, cultural background or religion.
* Not entering team dressing rooms unless deemed necessary by the team coach (es) so as to protect the privacy of other underage players.

**PARENTS/GUARDIANS HAVE THE RIGHT TO:**

* Know their child is safe and to make a complaint if they believe that their child’s safety is in any way compromised.
* Be informed of problems/concerns relating to their child.
* Be informed if their child gets injured.
* Complain if they have concerns about the standard of coaching.
* Have, as a member, a say in relation to decisions being made within the club.