



“DEDICATED TO EXCELLENCE”

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS & SUPPORTERS

This Code sets the standard expected of parents/guardians and supporters of players in all codes from underage to adult level.

It can be summarised by saying

“Be a ‘genuine’ Ballymac Supporter”

INTRODUCTION

Ballymac GAA Club would like to thank you for your commitment to our club. The Executive Committee exists to facilitate the smooth running of club activities in all codes working with the Section Sub-committees.

The Club relies on the support of Parents/Guardians and Supporters for our teams and for all club activities and encourages you to become a member. If you are interested in volunteering to help out with any team or in any club activity in any capacity please contact a team coach or club official.

This Code of Conduct for Parents/Guardians and Supporters has been developed to help provide a supportive environment for players, coaches and officials. This Code together with the Code of Good Behaviour for Players and Code of Conduct for Coaches establishes the standards that are expected from all members and ‘genuine’ supporters of Ballymac GAA Club.

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Code of conduct for parents/guardians and supporters

All Parents/Guardians and Supporters should:

- Encourage children's participation in our games
- Inform team coaches of any medical condition or requirement of your child.
- Ensure your child's punctual attendance at training sessions and games.
- Inform the team coach in advance if your child cannot attend training or games for any reason.
- Please ensure that your child attends training and games in the full and appropriate club gear or as instructed by their coach
- Encourage a healthy attitude to competition which emphasises mutual respect between all participants.
- Be realistic in your expectations for your child and show approval for effort and not just results.
- Applaud good play from all teams.
- Respect official's decisions and encourage players to do so and avoid criticising referee's or other officials' decisions.
- Never criticise player's performances and always show approval to players whether the team wins, loses or draws.
- Never enter the field of play during a game unless specifically invited to do so by an official or coach.
- Ask a child "Did you enjoy yourself?" after training or a game, and not "Did you win?" or "Did you score?"
- Never use foul, abusive or racist language or gestures to players, coaches, match officials or stewards.
- Treat every player and coach with respect regardless of age, ability, gender, sexual orientation, ethnic origin, cultural background or religious beliefs.
- Remember always that coaches and club officials are giving their time voluntarily for the benefit of the players and the club.
- Leave sideline dugouts for use by the team substitutes, coaches and mentors only.
- Never enter dressing rooms so as to protect players' privacy unless deemed necessary by the team coach to provide assistance.
- If you are unhappy with any aspect of your child's involvement in club activities, report the matter to their coach or a Club official.

**Parents/Guardians and Supporters have a responsibility to ensure
that all spectators from the Club attending a game conduct
themselves in an acceptable and well-behaved manner.**

Unacceptable behaviour should be reported to Club officials.

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