



Maine Gaelic Sports Alliance Code of Conduct



MGSA is fully committed to safeguarding the well being of its members and players. Every individual in the club should, at all times, show respect and understanding for their rights, safety and welfare, and conduct themselves in a way that reflects the principles of the club and the guidelines contained in the Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Children's Sport in Ireland, the model for Gaelic Sports played around the globe.

Sport provides an excellent opportunity for children to learn new skills, become more confident and maximise their own unique potential. These benefits will increase through a positive and progressive approach to the involvement of children in sport that places the needs of the child first and winning and competition second. Winning and losing are an important part of sport but they must be kept in a healthy perspective. The MGSA code of conduct is derived from the [official GAA code of best practice](#) and the Casteltgar (Galway)Gaelic Sports Club model.

Code of Conduct – Players

- Always do your best, play fairly and have fun
- Always shake hands before and after a match
- Respect officials/referees and accept their decisions
- Do not shout at or argue with the referee, officials, team mates or opponents
- Bullying is totally unacceptable
- Avoid using foul or abusive language
- Always remember that hurling and football is a team game and encourage your fellow players
- Respect your club and its property

Code of Conduct – Parents

- Always encourage and support your child in their sport
- Be familiar with those mentors who are coaching your child
- Behave responsibly on the sideline
- Bring children to and from training on time
- Encourage your child to play by the rules
- Ensure your child has the proper training/playing gear and water
- Support the coaches and help out wherever necessary
- Ensure that your child is registered and paid-up
- Respect the coaches' decisions and encourage your children to do the same
- Show your support for your child/team by attending matches on a regular basis and assisting in the organisation of club activities

I agree to the above conduct policy and will abide by the terms and conditions:

Player 1: _____ Player 2: _____

Player 3: _____ Parent/Guardian: _____