

**Code of Behaviour – Underage**

**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.**

**YOUNG PLAYERS SHOULD BE ENTITLED TO:**

* Be safe and feel safe
* Have fun and experience a sense of enjoyment and fulfilment.
* Be treated with respect, dignity and sensitivity.
* Comment and make suggestions in a constructive manner.
* Be afforded appropriate confidentiality.
* Participate in games and competitions at levels with which they feel comfortable.
* Make their concerns known and have them dealt with in an appropriate manner.
* Be protected from abuse.
* Be listened to.
* Be given adequate playing time to assist in the development of their playing skills.

**YOUNG PLAYERS SHOULD ALWAYS:**

* Play fairly, do their best and enjoy themselves.
* Respect fellow team members regardless of ability, cultural or ethnic origin, gender, sexual orientation or religious beliefs.
* Support fellow team members regardless of whether they do well or not.
* Represent their team, their club and their family with pride and dignity.
* Respect all Coaches, Officials and their opponents.
* Be gracious in defeat and modest in victory.
* Shake hands before and after a game as part of the Give Respect Get respect initiative, irrespective of the result.
* Inform their Coach/Mentor/ Manager in advance if they are unavailable for training and games.
* Take due care of club equipment.
* Know that it is acceptable to talk to the Club Children’s Officer with any concerns or questions they may have.
* Adhere to acceptable standards of behaviour and their Club’s Code of Discipline.
* Tell somebody else if they have been harmed or bullied in any way.

**YOUNG PLAYERS SHOULD ENGAGE IN GOOD PRACTICE**

* Never cheat – always play by the rules.
* Never shout at or argue with a game’s official, with their Coach, their team mates or opponents and never use violence.
* Never use unfair or bullying tactics to gain advantage or isolate other players.
* Never spread rumours.
* Never tell lies about adults or other young people.
* Never play or train if you feel unwell or are injured.
* Never use unacceptable language or racial and/or sectarian references to an opponent, a fellow player or official by words, deeds or gesture.
* Never consume non-prescribed drugs or performance enhancing supplements.

**ADDITIONAL RULES: TEMPLENOE COISTE NA NOG**

* Underage players must communicate with coaches / club officers through parents/guardians
* All communications must be carried out within reasonable times i.e. 9am – 9pm
* Breaches of our Code of Behaviour may be dealt with at Club or county level by the **Children’s Officer**. More serious breaches may have to be dealt with in a more formal manner as outlined in a detailed publication titled **Our Games Our Code: dealing with Alleged Breaches of the Code of Best Practice in Youth Sport**.