

Naomh Barróg GAA Club

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Naomh Barróg GAA Club endorses and adheres to Our Games-Our Code which is a Code of Best Practice in Youth Sport when working with underage players. This publication represents the Gaelic Athletic Association, Ladies Gaelic Association, the Camogie Association, GAA Handball Ireland and the Rounders Council of Ireland. Our Games-Our Code will assist us in supporting and directing our members and all units of our Association in our work with underage teams in a co-ordinated and development manner.

Guidelines for Juvenile Members-CCC1, CCC2, Juvenile Camogie and Ladies

1. Each juvenile in Naomh Barróg will be treated with respect, dignity and trust. It is important to respond to the respect and trust placed in you. Bullying or deliberately hurting another boy or girl in Naomh Barróg will not be tolerated. No boy or girl in our Club has the right to hurt another boy or girl by word or act. **Give Respect, Receive respect.**
2. Have pride in your Club gear. Keep it clean. You must always wear club shorts and socks for matches. **Wear your Naomh Barróg jersey with pride.**
3. Show respect and manners for the Manager and Mentors associated with your team. If you are unable to attend a game or training, notify your Manager in advance.
4. **Treat your team mates with respect and dignity.** Encourage and praise one another during a game, especially when you are under pressure or being challenged. To ridicule a player for making a mistake during a game or training is unacceptable.
5. Respect and obey the Referee. Always respect his decision whether you like it or not.
6. Respect the opposing team and Mentors. Don't get involved in retaliation or fights with any of the opposition even if you are provoked.

7. Be a sportsperson. Enjoy playing and representing your Club. When a game is over shake hands with the opposition whether you have won or lost. **Win with humility, lose with dignity.**
8. While involved with Naomh Barróg don't use bad language on or off the field of play at any time.
9. Be on time for your Games and Training. Pay your referee's fees and yearly Membership Fee on time.
10. Respect the dressing rooms. Take your boots off before returning to the dressing rooms. Keep the Juvenile Room, Club House and Ground clean. Use the litter bins to discard sweet wrappings, chewing gum, empty bottles and other litter.
11. Be loyal and proud of your Club. Never do anything to let it, yourself, your family or your Community/Parish down.

Guidelines for Mentors, Parents and Supporters

12. Mentors should respect and support one another. There should be no negative comments or criticism of others behind their backs. Difference of opinion should not be discussed in front of the children. **Lead by example.**
13. **Each child/juvenile, boy or girl who represents Naomh Barróg is to be treated with equality, respect and dignity.** Therefore never ridicule, humiliate or shout at young players for making a mistake or losing a game. No juvenile player should ever feel afraid to attend training or games because they feel intimidated by a Mentor.
14. Many young children and teenagers have other interests outside Naomh Barróg. It is important for young people to enjoy and experience a range of activities as they grow up e.g. being a member of the scouts, music interests, St Johns Ambulance etc. On occasions this might clash with a game or training. No child should be victimised or told unless they give full allegiance to Naomh Barróg they will lose their position or place on the team. Of course every member should be encouraged to be loyal to their team and Club and to try to give their best. To put undue pressure

on a young person not to pursue other interests can be detrimental to their personal development.

15. Mentors are responsible for what happens in Naomh Barróg under our supervision. If a Mentor is aware that one of their players is involved in anti-social behaviour, drug or alcohol addiction, or who observe signs that there is a change in one of their players behaviour while outside our Club, they should in consultation with fellow Mentors and Club Child Protection Officer, decide in consultation and with the permission of the parents on how best to approach this situation that can help and support this young person at this time. No Mentor should, even with the best of intentions attempt to do this on their own.
16. Parents/Guardians have primary responsibility for the care and welfare of their children. It is important for Managers and Mentors to remember this and to take care not to overrule a parent/guardian's wishes regarding the health, safety and welfare of an under age player.
17. Teach young players that honest endeavour is as important as winning, so that the result of each game is accepted without too much disappointment. Do not put emphasis on winning at all costs. Players helping a team in age group above them are never to take the place of a player on that team at the start of a game.
18. All players on the panel need to be respected and at times protected to make sure they are not been exploited. A talented player probably on a Development Squad or who represents the County team must be kept grounded and not put on a pedestal sending out the wrong message. Players because of their special talent and involved with County Team, Development Squad, School teams and as well as playing for his own team, is also at the beck and call of other teams in his Club to play for them, must be respected and protected to avoid burn out and to avoid physical and mental illness.
19. Respect Referees and recognise their value to a game. Do not publicly question the referee's decision and judgement. At times

referees decisions can test your patience and tolerance. Exercise control as an example to our players.

20. Do not use profane language or get involved in disputes with Mentors, supporters or players from the opposing team, even if you are provoked and challenged. Realise that this type of conduct, can upset our young players and distract them from what they are supposed to be doing, playing football or hurling/camogie.
21. **Parents and supporters attending the games must abide by the ethos of our Club.** If they are breaking our Code of Best Practice they should be challenged and told so. If they continue to carry on with their behaviour at other games the Club should be notified.
22. Encourage the young players of our Club to enjoy playing sport with Naomh Barróg. Exercise and activity can help them grow with confidence and self- esteem.
23. Mentors must always be conscious of our Children First Policy. It is important that every Mentor involved with our juvenile boys and girls must maintain a respectful Mentor/Player relationship. They must treat each person equally. Therefore over familiarity, inappropriate actions, touches, words or conversation must be avoided so that each individual on the team will feel comfortable and confident in a Mentors presence. Mentors should never find themselves in a position where they are on their own with one of their players. If for example one child has to be dropped home to their house by car, a second Mentor has to accompany them. If a player has to be spoken to privately for discipline or personal reasons at least two Mentors should always be present. If a juvenile has to be spoken to for serious disciplinary reasons, the parents should be notified and invited to be present at the meeting.

“Remember give Respect, Receive Respect”

Signed: Dick Fields, (Child Protection Officer, Naomh Barróg)

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