

# CDG - Underage Playing Policy

Below is the approach the Coaching Development Group (CDG) wish to take to confirm the Underage playing Policy that is now in place from January 1<sup>st</sup> will be implemented successfully, this is not a supplement or amendment to what has been agreed but a method to put a practical structure in place to help the club run as smooth as possible in relation to the policy.

1. There is full expectation that all aspects of the Club Player Policy will be adhered to in full all by Head coaches and mentors
2. Head Coaches & their Mentors are intrusted with interpreting what meaningful game time means for each player on their panel
3. If an older group require players from younger group for 2017 they need to identify the exact players required and inform the CDG by Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>
4. The players identified must satisfy 2 criteria:
  - i. Seen as beneficial to that players development to play/train at older grade
  - ii. Allow the teams to be more competitive
5. If necessary different players can be identified to support older groups for hurling or football separately
6. CDG will inform Head Coach of players primary age group prior to parent of child being contacted by older age group Head coach/mentor to be part of panel of older age group
7. Over course of season players identified to be on more than one panel must give a minimum of 2 thirds of playing/training time to primary age group
  - i. This needs to be taken on week by week basis
  - ii. Players must play 100% of games in own age group
  - iii. Priority of important games (ie. age groups most high profile competition) can lead to a scenario where younger players are with the older age group for more than the one third of the players weekly activity
  - iv. If a scenario arises where both younger and older age groups have priority games in same week the majority of the players time will be to his primary group
  - v. At no point is a player to play/train more than the maximum amount of times (for age) in any one week ( 2 Times a week players aged 6-9 / 3 Times Players aged 10-12 / 4 times a week Players aged 13 and older ) - A Week is Mon to Sun
  - vi. Head coaches of groups sharing players to work closely with Club Sec to ensure games do not clash on same day
  - vii. Head Coaches to communicate with each other to ensure the above criteria is met
8. Younger Players not identified to join only older panels will play and train with primary group only during year
  - i. Under exceptional circumstances due to player's unavailability if additional younger players not already on the older panel are required to **field a team and fulfil a fixture** with an older age group a request can be made to the CDG who will consider the request.
9. It is the responsibility of all coaching groups to track all players training attendance and player game time ( this info needs to be available on request from CDG )
10. If any issues or questions arise with regards to the playing policy during the year this needs to be raised at monthly Underage Club Meeting that will be held on the first Monday of every month at 9pm (All questions are to be directed to CDG ).
11. The CDG will **not** micro manage the underage player policy and it is the full expectation that the guidelines set out by CDG will be met in full by all coaches.
12. CDG judgement on all matters in relation to player policy is final.

# UNDERAGE PLAYERS POLICY

1. All players who are registered with Courcey Rovers and regularly attend training sessions are entitled to regular, meaningful games.
2. All players must train and play with their own age group first.
  - ▶ - However, if the club Coaching Development Group considers it more appropriate in developmental or player retention terms for a boy (6-12) to play with his primary school classmates in an older group, they may do so.
  - ▶ - Players in the above scenario can not revert to a younger age group for blitzes/matches unless the coaching officer deems it beneficial for the player and teams/age groups involved.
3. If players are required by an older age group, the coaching Development Group is first consulted and then the coach of the younger team is informed before any players are notified.
  - 3a. All players from Under 10 downwards, who regularly attend training, will be provided with Equal Game Time
  - 3b. At U11 and U12 players who attend training regularly will be provided with meaningful game time,
  - 3c. At U14, U16 and U18, a principle of playing players on the age where possible will be established, with due consideration given to the varying importance between league and championship games.