



# GAELIC FOOTBALL & HURLING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALASIA INC.

## CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

**Fair play involves honesty, respect for teammates, and respect for opponents - whether winning or losing and respect for referees, umpires and officials.**

**The Association has developed this Policy which applies to everyone involved with Gaelic Games including all affiliates:**

### CODES OF BEHAVIOUR

- operate within the rules and spirit of Gaelic Games, promoting fair play over winning at any cost
- encourage and support opportunities for people to learn appropriate behaviours and skills
- support opportunities for participation in all aspects of Gaelic Games
- treat each person as an individual
- display control and courtesy to all involved with Gaelic Games, respect the rights and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion
- respect the decisions of officials, coaches and administrators in the conduct of the games
- wherever practical, avoid unaccompanied and unobserved one-on-one activity (when in a supervisory capacity or where a power imbalance will exist) with people under the age of 18 years
- adopt appropriate and responsible behaviour in all interactions
- adopt responsible behaviour in relation to alcohol and other drugs
- act with integrity and objectivity, and accept responsibility for your decisions and actions
- ensure your decisions and actions contribute to a safe environment
- ensure your decisions and actions contribute to a harassment free environment
- do not tolerate harmful or abusive behaviours

#### **Athletes**

- give your best at all times
- participate for your own enjoyment and benefit

#### **Coaches**

- place the safety and welfare of the athletes above all else
- help each person (athlete, official etc) reach their potential - respect the talent, developmental stage and goals of each person and compliment and encourage with positive and supportive feedback
- any physical contact with a person should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the person's skill development
- be honest and do not allow your qualifications to be misrepresented

### **Officials**

- place the safety and welfare of the athletes above all else
- be consistent and impartial when making decisions
- address unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all people

### **Administrators**

- act honestly, in good faith and in the best interests of the sport as a whole
- ensure that any information acquired or advantage gained from the position is not used improperly
- conduct your responsibilities with due care, competence and diligence
- do not allow prejudice, conflict of interest or bias to affect your objectivity

### **Parents**

- encourage children to participate and have fun
- focus on the child's effort and performance rather than winning or losing
- never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition

### **Spectators**

- respect the performances and efforts of all people
- reject the use of violence in any form whether it is by spectators, coaches, officials or athletes

*Affiliates are required to make the contents of this Policy available to all involved with Gaelic Games within their jurisdiction.*

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