

Coach's Code of Conduct

This Coach's Code of Conduct is applicable to each head coach, assistant coach and team manager of any team and is in addition to the GAA Code of Behavior which all coaches must read and sign.

1. Conduct: I will aspire to achieve the highest level of my performance at all events. My conduct on the field, and at all times in the presence of the players, shall be worthy of imitation by the players before, during or after games.

I will instruct and supervise my players in accordance with the highest level of professionalism. I will maintain and exhibit poise, self-discipline and restraint before, during and after every game, practice or event. I will treat each opposing team and its spectators with courtesy, and will avoid actions that may offend any individuals.

2. Representative: I understand that I am a representative of the Club and anytime that I am engaged in any Delaware County Gaels activity, such as coaching a game, being a field marshal, refereeing, practicing, spectating, communicating with players, parents and/or other fellow coaches, attending meetings etc... I will do so with the utmost respect.

3. Rules: When I am engaged in any games or practices, I will be compliant with all rules, regulations, policies, procedures brought forth by the GAA, USGAA and the Delaware County Gaels etc...

4. Training & Education. I will take all training courses, first aid, child endangerment classes, and any enhancement courses required by the Delaware County Gaels, State, USGAA and/or the GAA etc...

5. Games: Sideline coaching will be done in a positively. I will limit coaching to only myself and/or properly registered/trained assistant coaches and managers.

6. Sportsmanship: I will use my best efforts to make each player's experience a positive, healthy, active and enjoyable.

7. Safety/Well being: The safety and welfare of all players will be of the utmost importance to me.I will be responsible for the well being of each and every player on the field. I will never leave a child unattended.I will require adequate supervision present at every practice.

I will never insist or even recommend that a player participate in a drill, game or other activity if the player states that he/she cannot continue. I will allow for several water breaks.

8. Coaching Objectives. I provide proper instruction and teach the skills and rules pertaining to Gaelic games, recognizing that player development means something different for each player.

I will provide positive feedback and constructive criticism at games and practices when necessary. I will encourage for the participation of all the team. I will use my best efforts to provide to each player the chances for individual growth and development within their own scope.

9. Playing Time. I will ensure fair playing time for all players, based on the players consistent participation in practices etc...

10. Referees/Officials: I will refrain from comments to or about the referees/officials. I understand that referees/officials are human and will occasionally make mistakes. I will respect the decision of the referees and officials. I am fully aware that the referee can remove coaches and spectators from the game.

If removed from a game by the referee, I acknowledge that I will not be permitted to coach or be on the fields of play for the game following the game in which I was removed.

In some instances, there may be fines involved for repeat offenses and/or suspension or explosion from the club.

11. Loyalty: As a coach in the Delaware County Gaels, I will at all times act for the goodwill of the Club and its members on and off the field. I will make every effort to be a consistent figure for my team.

12. Complaint: If I have a complaint about the Club, fellow coaches, managers, board members, representatives, parents etc...I will direct my complaint to that person or the Delaware County Gaels board officers to seek a positive resolution.

13. Consequences of any Violations: I agree that if, I fail to follow the above Code of Conduct, the Delaware County Gaels may terminate my coaching and /or including suspension and in some instances removal from the club.

Parent's Code of Conduct



By joining as a registered family of the Delaware County Gaels we/I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care and encouragement for my child's participation in Delaware County Gaels by adhering to this Parent's Code of Conduct. I am aware this is in addition to the GAA Code of Behavior which all players and parents/ guardian must read and sign.

1. I will encourage positive sportsmanship by supporting all players, coaches and officials at every game, practice or event.

2. I will always place the emotional and physical well-being of my child/children first.

3. I will require that my child/children play in a safe environment.

4. I will not coach my child/children or any other player during a game or practice.

5. I will treat fellow players, coaches, fans and officials with respect and good manners.

6. I will encourage my child/children to treat fellow players, coaches, fans, officials, parents etc... with respect and good manners.

7. As a registered family in the Delaware County Gaels, I will always act for the goodwill of the club.

8. I will properly register my child/children for each season, I understand that if my child/children is not registered they are prohibited from participating until registration is complete.

9. I will pay my dues that are owed to the club in a timely manner. Outstanding balances from previous years will be carried over. If payments are not made, the club has the right to suspend my registrations until the balance is settled. If there are hardships I will contact one of the Delaware County Gaels officers.

10. As Delaware County Gaels are a non-profit organization I will try my best to participate in fundraising efforts brought forth by the club and will only fundraise through club sanctioned activities.

11. If a coach, official or club representative calls to my attention that my child is not treating coaches, fellow players, fans and officials with respect, I will try my best to speak with my child/children regarding this topic. My child/children are representing the Delaware County Gaels. If further action is needed, the board officers may get involved.

12. If I have a complaint about the Delaware County Gaels Club, fellow coaches, managers, board officers or representatives etc, I will direct my complaint to that person or the Delaware County Gaels board officers to seek a positive resolution.

13. If I fail to abide by the above Code of Conduct, I recognize that I may be barred from attending events sponsored by the Club, in the discretion of the Delaware County Gaels board officers. Violations of any of these codes or the GAA Codes of Behavior, can result in a meeting with my coach and/ or but not limited to the Delaware County Gaels board officers and the possibility of player discipline up to and including suspension and in some instances removal from the club.



Player's Code of Conduct

The players code of conduct is applicable to registered players of the Delaware County Gaels and is in addition to the GAA Code of behavior which all players and parents/guardian must read and sign.

1. I hereby pledge to provide a positive attitude and be responsible for my participation in youth sport by following the Delaware County Gaels Player's Code of Conduct

2. I will attend every practice and game that it is reasonably possible for me to attend and will notify my coach if I cannot attend.

3. I will do my best to listen and learn from my coaches.

4. I will treat my coaches, fellow players, fans, officials etc... with respect and good manners.

5. I will have fun during my playing time and will let my parents/guardians and/or coaches know if it stops being fun.

6. I will accept the responsibility of proudly representing the Delaware County Gaels.

7. I will do my best to treat others as I would wish to be treated.

8. I will obey the playing rules of Gaelic sports.

9. Violations of any of these codes or the GAA Codes of Behavior, can result in a meeting with my coach and/ or but not limited to the Delaware County Gaels board officers and the possibility of player discipline up to and including suspension and in some instances removal from the club.