

ROLE OF PARENTS / GUARDIANS

All parents / guardians have an influential role to play in assisting their children adopt positive attitudes and encouraging them to maintain an involvement in sport. Parents should not attempt to meet their own needs for success and achievement through their children's participation in Gaelic games.

The following guidelines will be of assistance:

1. Show approval for effort, not just for results.
2. Try to make words and actions match.
3. Attend games on a regular basis, become a member of Mullabrack GFC and assist in the organisation of the club's activities.
4. Listen to what young people have to say.
5. Try to appreciate the strength of a young person's emotions.
6. Realise the power of example
7. Don't exert undue pressure on young people.
8. Don't do one thing and say another.
9. Don't make promises you can't keep.
10. Don't ask 'How much did you win or lose by.'
11. Don't just show approval when the Team wins.
12. Don't criticise playing performance – seek areas where improvements can be made.
13. Don't criticise Team / Match Officials.
14. Arrange to take and lift your children from training and matches when required.

ROLE OF THE COACH / TEAM MENTOR

All Team Coaches and Mentors can ensure that sport has a beneficial impact when they adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person and treat each one equally regardless of age, gender, race, religion or ability.
2. Be positive during coaching sessions so that the children leave with a sense of achievement and an increased level of self-esteem.
3. Don't shout at or lecture players or reprimand / ridicule them when they make a mistake.
4. Encourage parents / guardians to play an active role in the club.
5. Never use foul language or provocative language / gestures to a player, opponent or match official. (A coach should only enter the field of play with the referee's permission and should not question their decision or integrity)
6. Ensure that all equipment, dressing rooms and areas occupied by the Team, are kept clean and are not damaged in any way. (Any damage should be reported to a member of the Executive Committee of the club)
7. Ensure that players are safely attired and that proper insurance arrangements are in place. (Names, addresses and DOB's for all players under your control should be forwarded in writing to the Club Secretary)
8. Ensure the unrestricted access to the Internet is not provided on the club premises.
9. Ensure fair play Mullabrack GFC has long been associated with fair play. Winning or striving to win is essential for enjoyable competition but should not be seen as an end in itself. (The level of improvement made by young people is the best indicator of effective Coaching)
10. Never use any form of corporal punishment or physical force.
11. Arrange training sessions to start and finish on time, lead by example, properly attired, avoid smoking in the presence of young people.



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CHILD PROTECTION INFORMATION AND ARRANGEMENTS

**All Child Protection Inquiries
should be directed to the
Clubs Child Protection
Officers.
Contact details enclosed.**

Club Statement

Mullabrack GFC is a Child Friendly Club and is fully committed to safe guarding the well being of its members. Every individual in the club should, at all times, show respect and understanding for each



others rights, safety and welfare regardless of a persons religion, gender, age, race, or ability and conduct themselves in a way that reflects the principals of Mullabrack GFC and the guidelines contained in the **Code of Ethics** and **Good**

Practice for Children's Sport and the GAA '**Code of Best Practice for Youth Sport**'.

Seamus Rice (Club Chairperson)
Declan McAllister (Club secretary)

PRINCIPLES

1. Mullabrack GFC believes young people have a lot to gain from sport. It is important that all young players are valued and are always treated with the highest level of respect. Their personal dignity and physical integrity are paramount and participation in sport should enable them to have fun, make friends and become better players.
2. Mullabrack GFC believes that a youth centred approach should be adopted by everyone involved in the promotion and development of Gaelic games at underage level.
3. Mullabrack GFC will ensure that all their players are protected and kept safe from harm while they are with the Club by mentors / coaches adhering to the guidelines outlined in the Club's Child Protection Policy, the **Code of Ethics** and **Good Practice for Children's Sport** and the GAA '**Code of Best**

Practice for Youth Sport'.

4. Mullabrack GFC will ensure all team mentors are offered the opportunity to attend Child Protection Awareness training.
5. Mullabrack GFC will ensure that all team mentors and club members are well informed about Child Protection issues and that they are familiar with the club's procedures for reporting concerns to the club's designated officer (Chairperson of the Club). In the case of concerns against the designated officer concerns should be reported to the Secretary of the club.
6. Mullabrack GFC will promote co-operation with statutory agencies in response to Child Protection.
7. Mullabrack GFC will ensure all team mentors are offered the opportunity to obtain the appropriate level of coaching accreditation.
8. Mullabrack GFC will if appropriate take sanctions in the event of suspected / confirmed breaches of their Child Protection Policy as required.

Key Child Protection Contact Information

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Young Players

Young people must be encouraged to realise that they also have responsibilities to treat others with fairness and respect.

YOUNG PLAYERS SHOULD UNDERTAKE TO:

1. Play fairly, do your best at all times even in training and enjoy yourselves.
2. Represent their family and Club with pride and dignity.
3. Always shake hands with your opponents before and after a game regardless of the result.
4. Respect officials from within and from outside the Club and respect their decisions gracefully.
5. Respect your opponents.
6. Respect fellow team members giving them support when they do well and even when they do not so well.
7. Accept apologies from opponents when offered.
8. Be modest in victory and gracious in defeat.
9. Let your team mentors know when you are not available for training or a match (give as much notice as possible).
10. Approach your team mentor or any Committee member with any questions or concerns you may have.
11. Do not tell lies about adults or other children.