



## Man O'War GFC

### Code of Behaviour (Underage) & Child Safeguarding Policy

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The publication by the Gaelic Athletic Association and the Ladies Gaelic Football Association of this joint Code of Behaviour (Underage) and Child Safeguarding Policy Statement provides our membership, and particularly those who work with young people and children, with specific direction and guidance when fulfilling their roles at local and national level.

Such is the importance of child safeguarding and protection in our work that each of the Gaelic Games Associations have brought together the collective best practices based on many years of experience as we seek to provide a safe environment in which we can promote our games and enable young people and children to develop in a caring and respectful manner.

Man O'War GFC fully supports and implements the joint Code of Behaviour (Underage). This Code applies to all persons under 18 years of age who participate in our games or other activities and to those who work with them and assist them in any capacity on our behalf.

The value of providing one agreed Code for our members enables us to jointly promote organisational and statutory guidance and legislation that governs our work with young people and children. This will assist and direct our members and units and provide guidance for those working with young people and children.

The Code of Behaviour (Underage) contains all policy and guidance documents relevant for those who work with children in our Club and also our Child Safeguarding Policy Statement. The Statement is vital as it outlines the commitment we give to keep children safe from harm when attending our activities or playing our games.

In addition to our safeguarding policies, it is of utmost importance that the recruitment of our coaches, the active involvement of parents in our work and the many developmental and social opportunities we provide for our underage players, are all completed in accordance with the provisions of the Code of Behaviour (Underage).

We hope to see as many of these players as possible progressing to playing at adult level, to coaching and mentoring roles and to refereeing in the years ahead. The enjoyment they experience, the friendships they make, the winning and the losing will all be part of the development of these young people as will the bond they build within each of our Gaelic Games Associations.

Our role and our responsibility is to ensure that they benefit from and participate in our Gaelic Games in a safe, enjoyable and developmental environment where our Games are conducted in a spirit of fair play with everyone who works on our behalf emphasising respect, equality, safety and non-discrimination in all aspects of our work with children and young people. Each member of our Associations has a responsibility to accept and implement this Code of Behaviour (Underage), and how it directs us in such work.

The Code of Behaviour (Underage) and a copy of the Child Safeguarding Policy Statement may be accessed at: [GAA Code of Behaviour \(Underage\) and Child Safeguarding Statement](#)

The club's Executive Committee will be responsible for ensuring the guiding principles outlined in this policy are implemented and followed by all club members.

Signed:

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