Supporters Code of Conduct

Code of Conduct for Supporters and Parents at Matches and on Social Media

At Wolfe Tones GAC, we value the positive and respectful environment that supports the development and enjoyment of Gaelic games both on and off the field. We believe that the behaviour of our supporters and parents is crucial in upholding the values of sportsmanship, fair play, and respect. This Code of Conduct outlines the expected behaviour for all supporters and parents at matches and on social media platforms, in line with the principles of the GAA's Give Respect Get Respect campaign.

Respect for Participants:

* Treat all players, coaches, referees, and officials with respect, both during matches and on social media platforms.
* Refrain from engaging in abusive language, personal attacks, or derogatory comments towards any individual involved in the game.
* Recognize and appreciate the efforts of all participants, regardless of the outcome of the match.

Sportsmanship and Fair Play:

* Promote sportsmanship, honesty, and fair play both on and off the field.
* Refrain from criticizing or belittling the efforts or abilities of individual players, coaches, or officials.
* Abide by the decisions of the referee, even if you disagree, and avoid any form of verbal or physical abuse towards referees.

Silent Side-lines Policy (Under 14 Matches):

* Respect the Silent Sidelines policy during all matches at Under 14 and below, which promotes a positive and focused atmosphere for the players.
* Refrain from shouting instructions or criticisms during play, allowing the players to develop their skills and decision-making abilities.

Positive Support:

* Provide positive support and encouragement to our team, both during matches and on social media.
* Avoid engaging in personal attacks, derogatory comments, or offensive chants targeting individuals or teams.
* Celebrate successes with dignity and avoid excessive celebration or gloating that may disrespect the efforts of the opposing team.

Social Media Responsibility:

* Exercise responsible and respectful behaviour on social media platforms when discussing matches, players, coaches, or officials.
* Refrain from posting or sharing content that is abusive, defamatory, or discriminatory towards any individual or team.
* Engage in constructive and respectful discussions, promoting the values of sportsmanship and fair play.

Lead by Example:

* As a supporter or parent, lead by example both at matches and on social media, demonstrating the highest standards of behaviour and sportsmanship.
* Promote and uphold the principles of the GAA's Give Respect Get Respect campaign, fostering a culture of respect and inclusivity.
* Encourage others to adhere to this Code of Conduct and actively contribute to a positive and respectful sporting environment.

Compliance and Consequences:

* Failure to adhere to this Code of Conduct may result in consequences, including verbal warnings, removal from the venue, or restrictions on future attendance.
* Serious or repeated breaches of this Code of Conduct may result in further disciplinary actions as deemed appropriate by the association.