



Juvenile Code of discipline

Discipline is the training of the mind and character designed to produce self-control and respect.

Within Skerries Harps discipline must be a shared responsibility which can only be maintained through the active co-operation of all involved - players, parents/guardians, mentors, etc.

All players should follow a few simple rules whilst under the supervision of mentors or coaches - whether in Skerries or travelling away.

- Show respect for the coaches, mentors, referees, teammates, opposing players, and all personal & club property (kit, footballs, etc.).
- Be punctual - arrive on time for training and matches
- Do not use bad language.
- Accept referees decisions.
- Shake hands with opponents both before and after the match, and mean it- no matter what.
- Arrive with kit as required for training/matches - helmet, hurley, shinguards, mouthguard, boots, etc.
- Carry out mentor's instructions when under their supervision.
- Remain within playing areas - do not leave without mentor's permission.

Serious breaches of discipline can include (examples only):

- Showing disrespect to coaches, mentors, referees or other players
- Bullying
- Theft
- Unruly behaviour
- Using violence
- Use of or handling any illegal substance.
- Use of camera and or recording function on a mobile phone.

Sanctions:

Initially to be decided by the Mentors poor behavior at training will be sanctioned with a "time-out".

For further or serious breaches: two verbal warnings will be given, by mentors, for persistent indiscipline, and must be reported jointly to the parents/guardians and the Disciplinary Committee.

Following a 3rd offence a letter will be sent to the parents/guardians by Disciplinary Committee. Persistent breaches of discipline will result in expulsion from the club.

Note for parents / guardians:

- Show your approval for your child's efforts - not performance.
- Attend matches where and when possible - travel to away games, and offer lifts.
- Don't exert undue pressure
- Encourage and praise - whether they won or lost
- Please try to drop and pick-up on time
- Help them with their game when not in the club
- Be aware of who your child's mentors are and approach for updates.