

CODE OF CONDUCT:

Role of the Club

The primary role of Skerries Harps GAA & Camogie Club is to ensure that the players are encouraged to learn and play the games of hurling, football & camogie in a safe and friendly environment. All players are encouraged to participate in the club, make friends and have fun.

In addition, the development of the player's interpersonal and social skills is also considered important. Participating as a Skerries Harps Player should be a creative and positive experience, in the development of each individual.

The CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PLAYERS outlines the rules and procedures which should be observed and practised by all players to ensure that everyone will enjoy their involvement with Skerries Harps GAA & Camogie Club.

General Code:

1. Respect, courtesy and honesty are required of every member of the Club.
2. All Skerries Harps Players must be registered as members of the Club on an annual basis. In the case of all juvenile players, this will be with their Parent's/Guardian's consent.
3. Respect must be shown at all times for team mates, coaches, officials, referees, parents, guardians, opponents and visitors.
4. Players must always respect Club property and should have regard for their own and other's personal belongings.
5. Crude or offensive language is not acceptable and Bullying of any description will not be tolerated.
6. Act as ambassadors for the Club at all times especially on away outings.
7. Loitering in the vicinity of the Club grounds, gym and car park so as to cause offence to Club members or members of the public at any time is forbidden.
8. All Skerries Harps Players are advised to refrain from the use of alcohol, non-prescription drugs and tobacco (Parents are requested to inform coaches should their child require any medication).
9. Vandalism and abuse of the Club's facilities will not be tolerated.
10. Parents/Guardians are required to collect their children promptly from training and games.

Playing Code:

1. Skerries Harps Players must play fairly, do their best, enjoy themselves and adhere to the playing rules of Hurling, Camogie and Football at all times.
2. All players are requested to be punctual for both training and games and to be properly attired with the correct playing gear. Helmets are compulsory for Hurlers and Camogie players and gum shields are encouraged at all times.
3. All forms of photographic equipment i.e. cameras and picture mobile phones are not permitted in the dressing rooms. The chewing of gum and eating of food whilst training or playing a game are forbidden.
4. Respect must be shown for your opponents and team-mates. Decisions by officials and referees must be accepted gracefully.
5. Skerries Harps Players should represent their family and Club with pride, dignity and commitment.

6. Irrespective of the result before and after the game you should shake hands with your opponents, support fellow team members, and thank the referee and your coaches.
7. Be modest in victory and gracious in defeat.

Code of Conduct – Mentors

1. Avoid physical or verbal abuse
2. Avoid spending excessive amounts of time with children away from others
3. Avoid taking children to your home or taking children on journeys alone in your car
4. Coach by example and encourage sportsmanship and fair play on the field of play among juvenile players
5. Ensure that sufficient time and attention is given to less talented players
6. Try to ensure that training is an enjoyable experience for the players
7. Do not put too much emphasis on results
8. Avoid verbal exchanges with referees or opposing mentors / players
9. Avoid taking sessions alone
10. Do not rebuke a child for making a mistake, always encourage

Code of Conduct – Parents

1. Always encourage and support your child in their sport
2. Be familiar with those mentors who are coaching your child
3. Behave responsibly on the sideline
4. Bring children to and from training on time
5. Encourage your child to play by the rules
6. Ensure your child has the proper training/playing gear and water
7. Support the coaches and help out wherever necessary
8. Ensure that your child is registered and paid-up
9. Respect the coaches' decisions and encourage your children to do the same
10. Show your support for your child/team by attending matches on a regular basis and assisting in the organization of club activities

Disciplinary Procedures

1. The coach is responsible for discipline within his/her group and by speaking directly to the player can deal with minor breaches of the Code of Good Behaviour.
2. Should there be continuous breaches of the Code, the coach will advise the parents /guardians.
3. In the case of a serious breach of indiscipline or continuous misbehaviour, the coach should report the matter to an Officer of Skerries Harps GAA & Camogie Club who shall refer the matter to the Executive Committee.
4. The Committee shall then appoint two Officers to speak with the player and parents/guardians to try and resolve the matter.
5. Should no meaningful solution occur, the Executive Committee may impose a suspension from the club, withdraw membership or, in extreme cases, expulsion. The Juvenile Committee reserve the right to suspend an individual for a serious breach of the Code of Good Behaviour.
6. Personal hearings will be granted to the player/parents/guardians by the Skerries Harps GAA & Camogie Club Executive Committee at all stages if sought or required.

When you win, do so with humility – when you lose, do so with dignity.
Remember you cannot win all the time

Mission Statement

- *The primary role of the club is the promotion and development of Gaelic games as a principal component of Irish identity. In promoting our indigenous games, the club will continue to build on, and develop, an ethos of local identity and a sense of place. This will be achieved by encouraging participation from all sectors of the community, whilst promoting sportsmanship, discipline and personal development among club members. Skerries Harps GAA & Camogie Club will continue to value, and to prosper from, the enormous voluntary efforts of its members, and the amateur status of its players and its mentors. The club, being membership based, will be responsive to changes in society and to the wishes of its members, who ultimately ‘own’ the club.*
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