

**Skerries Harps Juvenile Section**  
**Guidelines for Dual Player Management**

The Club is committed to promoting all codes within the GAA and to encourage children to play both codes from the earliest ages up to adulthood. Following a recommendation to the Club's 2013 AGM, this guideline is aimed at re-affirming this commitment and to outline to mentors the guidelines for accommodating children who wish to play both codes.

The juvenile section, and its mentors, have consistently shown commitment to both codes for both boys and girls and the following guidelines are designed to remind areas to be aware of and to adhere to. As is currently the practice, a common-sense approach is required to ensure both codes operate effectively whilst ensuring children can continue to develop and enjoy themselves playing gaelic games.

**Guidelines:**

- The Club is committed to providing the opportunity and encouraging children to play both codes if they so wish
- Player welfare for all players is prioritised by mentors
- No Club member should pressurise any player (or parent) to forego the chance to play either code
- No player should be put in a position of being forced to choose between codes
- The role of mentors of the two teams where "code clashes" threaten includes the resolution of these issues with the relevant other code mentors and overseers. These guidelines include the following issues which may arise:
  - Selection policy
  - Training schedules including:
    - special provision for teams preparing for finals
    - changes to training times/days should be communicated and agreed with the other codes mentors
  - Game priority (correct age/challenge vs league vs championship etc)
- Entry to Cup (and other) competitions e.g. u14/u16 football cup competitions, will be considered on a needs basis and will, in the first instance, be discussed and agreed by the relevant mentors of both codes. To protect numbers in the other code, dual players will be identified and will not play cup games on the other codes fixture dates
- The Juvenile Chairperson and Player Pathway Directors of each relevant code, will consult to make a final determination if the relevant mentors/overseers fail to agree on a resolution