



RANELAGH GAELS' CHILD WELFARE & SAFETY STATEMENT

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Ranelagh Gaels, as a GAA Dublin County Board club member and a fully-affiliated GAA club, subscribes to the GAA's Child Protection and Welfare Statement, which states:-

Our Games – Our Code <http://bit.ly/2kVlctY> is the new Code of Best Practice in Youth Sport agreed by the Gaelic Athletic Association, Ladies Gaelic Football Association, the Camogie Association, GAA Handball Ireland and the Rounders Council of Ireland. This Code will direct our members and all units of our Associations in our work with underage teams.

Our Associations are committed to creating and maintaining the safest possible environment for all young people who participate in our Gaelic Games and activities. We shall take all practicable steps to protect them from discernable forms of abuse, from harm, discrimination or degrading treatment and shall respect their rights, wishes and feelings.

WE DO THIS BY:

- Recognising that all children have the right to be protected from harm.
- Ensuring that all our coaches and volunteers are carefully recruited and selected in accordance with our own guidelines and relevant legislative requirements and that they accept responsibility for ensuring the wellbeing of children in their care.
- Responding swiftly and appropriately to any allegations or concerns so as to protect the welfare of children who participate in our games and related activities.
- Appointing Children's Officers in each of our Clubs and at County Board level.
- Appointing a National Children's Officer to oversee the implementation of good child protection and welfare practices within our Associations.
- Appointing a Designated Officer in each Club and County who will liaise with the statutory authorities as appropriate.
- Appointing a National Designated Officer to assist, advise and oversee the processing of child protection and welfare matters.
- Providing parents and children with the opportunity to voice their concerns.
- Ensuring that all allegations of abuse of young people are confidentially dealt with in accordance the Association Guidelines and relevant legislation.
- Reviewing the effectiveness of our Child Protection and Welfare procedures and related policies on an on-going basis.
- Ensuring that members, coaches, team mentors, administrators, parents/guardians and spectators sign up to and adhere to our **Code of Behaviour** <http://bit.ly/2kPBUHb>.
- Promoting the **Give Respect - Get Respect** initiative <http://bit.ly/2jH1rkC> at all levels within our Associations.