

LGFA Code of Conduct

The Code of Conduct (“the Code”) sets out the basic principles that establish standards of behaviour for all who attend our events or participate in the LGFA, including but not limited to:

- Officers
- Members
- Players
- Parents/Guardians
- Mentors
- Supporters
- Match officials
- Teams and Units

Aim and Objective

1. The aim of the Code is to promote and encourage good behaviour and practice by all LGFA members. It aims to promote and encourage a culture of respect and integrity within the LGFA.
2. The Code is binding on all LGFA members and their parents/guardians and participation and/or attendance at LGFA related events is subject to compliance with the Code.
3. LGFA members and their parents/guardians are required to abide by and implement the Code.
4. LGFA members and their parents/guardians are required to report any suspected breaches of the Code to the relevant Executive Committee for consideration.
5. The Code sets out the conduct required of each LGFA member and their parents/guardians
 - In the exercise of his or her LGFA duties or activities; or
 - In his or her participation or attendance at LGFA events.

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6. In respect of any LGFA Activity, each LGFA member and their parents/guardians shall:
 - a) Maintain, demonstrate and promote the highest standards of integrity;
 - b) Maintain, demonstrate and promote the highest standards of respect;
 - c) Respect the decisions of all referees, match officials, Committees and units;
 - d) Respect all LGFA members and Committees and units;
 - e) Respect all property and equipment of the LGFA and GAA
 - f) Demonstrate loyalty to his or her unit(s) and team(s)
 - g) Behave in a manner that upholds the values of the LGFA

7. In respect of LGFA rules and policies, each LGFA member and their parents/guardians shall:
 - a) Comply with the law
 - b) Comply with the Association rules as per the Official Guide
 - c) Report breaches of the Rules to the appropriate LGFA person or Committee in accordance with the relevant rule

8. In respect of the Code of Conduct, each LGFA member and their parents/guardians shall:
 - a) Implement, support and promote the Code
 - b) Cooperate with any investigation in respect of an alleged breach of the Code
 - c) Cooperate with any investigation into alleged breaches of the law by a LGFA member arising out of a LGFA Activity

9. Each LGFA Member and their parents/guardians shall:
 - i. Promote the highest standards of personal conduct
 - ii. Promote and support fair play
 - iii. Demonstrate a positive attitude to the games and activities of the LGFA

10. Each LGFA member and their parents/guardians shall not do any of the following:-
 - a. Use foul or abusive language;
 - b. Use any other forms of abuse;
 - c. Provide any form of character reference for an individual as part of legal or Court Proceedings, in his or her capacity as an Officer of the LGFA (if applicable). For the avoidance of doubt, GAA Participants may not use LGFA-related letterhead nor sign any such character reference in their capacity as an Officer of the LGFA. Furthermore, any character reference, whether provided by an Officer or a Member should specify that it is being provided in a personal capacity and not in any way on behalf of or as an Officer or a Member of the LGFA
 - d. participate in any match-fixing activity.

Breaches of the Code

11. Breaches of the Code may also be a breach of:-
 - a. the Code of Behaviour (Underage) (“Underage Code”); and /or
 - b. Rule(s) in the Official Guide

12. In circumstances, where an allegation could constitute a breach of the Code of Behaviour (Underage) and the Code of Conduct and/or the Official Guide, the Executive Committee of the relevant unit, may determine, in its absolute discretion, that an allegation shall be dealt with under the Code of Behaviour (Underage).

Any such determination shall not be subject to review.

If no such determination is made, the alleged breach shall be dealt with, as a breach of the Code of Conduct and/or the Official Guide, in accordance with the disciplinary procedures set out in Part 3 of the Official Guide (CODA Rules).

13. In the event that, a prior determination has been made under the Code of Behaviour (Underage), that an alleged breach shall be dealt with under the Code of Behaviour (Underage), the procedures of the Code of Behaviour (Underage) shall apply.
14. In circumstances where an allegation could constitute a breach of the Code of Conduct and the Official Guide, a disciplinary action may be commenced citing the provisions of both the Code and the Official Guide, as per the CODA Rules.
15. Conduct giving rise to an alleged breach of the Code shall be judged according to the Code in effect at the time the alleged breach occurred. The applicable disciplinary procedure shall be that in effect at the time the disciplinary action is commenced.

16. Disciplinary procedures

Alleged breaches of the Code by a LGFA member and/or their parents/guardians arising from LGFA Activity in connection with any unit shall be dealt with in accordance with the CODA Rules in the Official Guide.

17. Sanctions

Where a sanction is to be applied, sanctions will be determined as per the Table of Sanctions within the Official Guide.

In the event that the relevant hearings committee finds that a non-member has breached the Code, the relevant hearings committee may, by way of sanction, debar that non-member from attending and/or participating in LGFA activities for as long as the hearings committee considers appropriate in the circumstances.