



Club ethos

Ballinkeer St. Johns is a community organisation which enjoys widespread local participation. Our Club has an excellent reputation which we strive to maintain. We are committed to the promotion of Gaelic Games and activities in the local community; maximising participation and optimising playing standards in a safe and enjoyable environment.

Our club recognises that we have not only a legislative but also a moral responsibility to care for all those associated with our Club. While we enjoy many successes on the playing field and in other club activities, our Duty of Care is paramount. We expect all our officials, mentors, volunteers, adult and child members, parents/guardians and spectators to respect each other and to extend that respect to referees, match officials, opposing teams and all those we come in contact with.

All club activities should be conducted in an atmosphere of fair play and respect. Ireland has adopted and is committed to the European Code of Sports Ethics, which defines fair play as:

“much more than playing within the rules. It incorporates the concepts of friendship, respect for others and always playing within the right spirit. Fair play is defined as a way of thinking, not just a way of behaving. It incorporates issues concerned with the elimination of cheating, gamesmanship, doping, violence (both physical and verbal), exploitation, unequal opportunities, excessive commercialism and corruption.”

- (European Sports Charter and Code of Ethics, Council of Europe, 1993)



Our club is committed to the promotion of this ethos and asks all members to acknowledge their own role in doing so, and to adhere to our ethos in order to ensure maximum enjoyment and safety for all members of our club.