



## **Away Trips and Travel Policy**

### **Away Trips:**

The Club has the following policy in place for travelling with young players.

### **Pre-Trip Preparations**

- Parental or guardian consent must be obtained in writing before any young player can participate in an organised away trip.
- Young players, parents/guardians and coaches participating in the trip must adhere to the agreed Code of Behaviour.
- Medical information, deemed relevant by the parents/guardians of the young players should be made known to the coaches travelling on the away trip and what action, if any, may be required of them in the case of an emergency.
- A detailed programme of activities should be approved in advance by the club and distributed to the parents/guardians. This will include; a time schedule of departure and arrival at the destination, a list of all activities and events, emergency and contact numbers of Club personnel who are accompanying the group and contact details of parents/guardians involved.

### **During the Trip**

- Young people must be adequately supervised throughout the trip. This ratio may differ depending on the age group of participants. 1:8 for U12's and 1:10 for over 12's.
- Any adults travelling on away trips will be subject to the same vetting and safeguarding requirements as the coaches.
- There must be at least two adults of each gender with mixed groups.
- Adults are required to be familiar with the agreed rules on smoking and the consumption of alcohol during the trip, as outlined in the GAA Code of Behaviour.



## **Overnight stays:**

- A specific ratio of Mentors to young people should be agreed in advance (approximately 1 Mentor to 8 players). This ratio can vary depending on the age category of the young players and the type of activity they participate in.
- The standard of accommodation must be suitable for the group travelling.
- Adults must never share a room with a young player.
- Where young people are sharing a room it should be arranged that the same gender and age grouping are kept together.

## **Transport**

A number of requirements will apply when travelling to games;

- The club must use a reputable bus/coach company with a proven track record in transporting children.
- Each parent must supply two emergency contact numbers in the event of an emergency concerning their child or in the event of a change to the schedule.
- All players must sign a travel consent form.
- Any medical conditions must be made known to the coaches travelling with the team.
- An adequate ratio of adults to children on the bus must be ensured at all times and the need for male/female ratios with mixed gender groups.
- Seat belts must be worn at all times on buses and coaches.
- Children must remain safely seated at all times during the journey.
- The safety of the child is paramount in all planning of the trip.