



PLAYBOOK



OUR CLUB

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FÁILTE / HAERE MAI

Welcome to St. Patrick's Emerald City, we are an Auckland based Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA) club. We promote Gaelic games such as Hurling, Camogie, Men's & Women's Football and Rounders. Our club also promotes Irish and New Zealand culture such as music songs, dance, and languages (gaelige & te reo) as an integral part of our objectives. We have a volunteer ethos which is one of the most important aspects of the GAA.

New Zealand

Our vision is to promote Irish sports in New Zealand, to be a home from home for expats and welcome all newcomers. Respecting cultural practices (tikanga), the land (whenua), and people (tangata) when and where we play, while remaining open to understanding te Tiriti o Waitangi (The Treaty of Waitangi).

Training

We train weekly and training details can be found by downloading the TeamReach app and using the code SUPERPATS. All social events and training details will be posted on TeamReach.

The Gear

We provide all the gear for training, all you need is a pair of football boots and a water bottle.



MEET OUR COMMITTEES

Club Executive Committee

The club executive committee are responsible for planning, organizing and managing all affairs of the club, overseeing all Club activity and provide leadership, support and management to all members.

Games Committee

Our games committee are responsible for fostering and supporting a positive coaching and playing environment through promoting and delivery of GAA programs including organizing training, equipment, coaches and matches.

Social Committee

Our social committee are responsible for organizing club social events that are open to all club members. Our members are offered discounts at participating outlets.



Season

Our season kicks off in September right through to March but we keep social events going all year, so plenty of opportunities to meet new people and keep in touch.

Tournaments

There are three major tournaments during the year, the Auckland League, NZ Sevens and the Junior and Senior New Zealand Championship.

CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

ALL PLAYERS SHOULD BE ENTITLED TO

- Be safe and feel safe.
- Have fun and experience a sense of enjoyment and fulfilment.
- Be treated with respect, dignity and sensitivity.
- Comment and make suggestions in a constructive manner.
- Be afforded appropriate confidentiality.
- Participate in games and competitions at levels with which they feel comfortable.
- Be afforded adequate and meaningful playing time to assist in the development of their playing skills.
- Make their concerns known and have them dealt with in an appropriate manner.
- Be listened to.

PLAYERS SHOULD ALWAYS:

- Play fairly, do their best and enjoy themselves.
- Promote diversity by actively and respectfully encouraging and including people with different abilities, cultures, ethnicities, genders, sexual orientations, and religious beliefs.
- Support fellow team members regardless of whether they do well or not.
- Represent their team, their Club with pride and dignity.
- Respect all Coaches, Officials and their opponents.
- Be gracious in defeat and modest in victory.
- Shake hands before and after a game, give Respect irrespective of the result.
- Inform their Coach/Mentor/Manager/TeamReach in advance if they are unavailable for training and games.
- Take due care of Club equipment.
- Report any injury if they or others have been harmed in any way.

PLAYERS SHOULD ENGAGE GOOD PRACTICE:

- Never cheat – always play by the rules.
- Never shout at or argue with a game's official, with their Coach, their team mates or opponents and should never use violence.
- Accept the decisions of referees and other officials.
- Never use unfair or bullying tactics to gain advantage or isolate other players.
- Never play or train if they feel unwell or are injured.
- Never use unacceptable language that is offensive or disrespectful to minority groups, including the use of racial and/or sectarian references to an opponent, a fellow player or official by words, deeds or gesture.
- Never consume non-prescribed drugs or performance enhancing supplements.

SUPPORTERS

Fellow supporters have a responsibility to ensure that all spectators conduct themselves in an acceptable and well behaved manner at all times, when attending our games and competitions. Unacceptable conduct by supporters should be reported to the Club Executive Committee or officials in charge (if appropriate) or at Club level to the Health and Wellbeing Club Officer.

Supporters should realise and consider that Players are encouraged to participate in Gaelic Games so that they may enjoy themselves while also improving their skills levels.

SUPPORTERS ADD TO THE ENJOYMENT OF OUR GAMES BY:

- Applauding good performance and efforts from your Club's players and from your opponents, regardless of the result.
- Condemning the use of violence in any form, be it by fellow spectators, coaches, officials or players.
- Demonstrating appropriate behaviour by not using or encouraging offensive or disrespectful language that suggest racism, ableism, homophobia, or transphobia or any form of discrimination towards players, opposition supporters, coaches or officials.
- Not entering the field of play, before, during or after a game.
- Respecting the decisions of all officials.
- Never ridiculing or scolding a player for making a mistake during games or competitions.
- Showing respect to your Club's opponents. Without them there would be no games or competitions.
- Upholding the principles of FAIR PLAY and RESPECT for all.



REFEREES

Throughout this Code of Behaviour emphasis has been placed on the need to co-operate with and facilitate those that organise and deliver our games and activities. Referees are key people in the delivery of our games and should be respected and assisted in their roles.

Referees are conscious of the fact that they are instrumental in ensuring our games are played in a sporting manner in accordance with the rules of the game.

Players, Coaches, Mentors and other Club personnel have a key role to play in the delivery of this aspect of our Gaelic Games.

IN THEIR CAPACITY AS REFEREES WE EXPECT OUR REFEREES TO:

- Apply the playing rules on an impartial and consistent basis.
- Act with integrity and objectivity in all games.
- Communicate decisions to players and team officials in an effective and constructive manner.
- Deal with dissent firmly and fairly.
- Work as a team with other match officials.
- Maintain composure regardless of the circumstances.
- Avail of assessments and supports to improve performance.
- Report any misconduct of players, team officials or supporters conscious of the fact that such matters may be followed up by Club Officers.



DEALING WITH ALLEGED BREACHES OF BEHAVIOUR

Our aim is to ensure that members receive the best possible care, attention and protection while participating in our Gaelic Games. Should a breach of the Code be alleged, or when people may refuse to adhere to the contents of the Code, certain actions may be deemed necessary and appropriate so as to protect the integrity of our club and also to ensure that members receive the best possible care, attention and protection while participating in our Games.

Let us ensure that everyone playing, engaging, socialising, participating or promoting on our behalf emphasises FAIR PLAY, RESPECT, EQUALITY, SAFETY and NO DISCRIMINATION in all aspects of our work games and activities.

Alleged breaches of this Code may therefore be enquired into, regardless of where or when they occur (including chat groups & social media). Following any such enquiry, and where deemed necessary, sanctions or disciplinary action may be taken against those who have been proven to have breached the Code of Behaviour. This Code applies to all persons playing, participating or attending our games and activities. It is our wish that this Code is developed, promoted and implemented as an initiative that encourages fair play, respect, equality, safety and non discrimination in all aspects of our work.

Unfortunately, breaches of the Code of Behaviour may occur from time to time, some of which may be minor breaches and some of which may be major breaches. Breaches may happen for a number of reasons including, but not limited to, carelessness, poor practice, and a lack of understanding or there may be, in some instances, deliberate or calculated breaches of the code of behaviour.

We are committed to creating and maintaining a safe and enjoyable environment for all members.

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