

Conduct Regulations for members of Naomh Uinsionn CLG



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1 CONDUCT REGULATIONS FOR MEMBERS OF NAOMH UINSIONN CLG

This Conduct Regulations document is prepared in line with the Club Constitution. St. Vincents GAA Club operates a One Club Model and promotes football, hurling, ladies' football, and camogie.

Article 7.18 (c) states the Executive can make regulations for "*the conduct of members of the Club in relation to one another*". This document sets out these conduct regulations.

Any updates to these Conduct Regulations will be reviewed and approved by the Executive Committee in line with the Constitution.

In St. Vincent's GAA Club, we are committed to creating and maintaining a safe environment for all members who wish to participate in our Gaelic Games and associated activities.

Every player, coach, mentor, volunteer, parent and supporter, who is a registered member of St. Vincent's GAA Club, is required to abide by the *Conduct Regulations for members of Naomh Uinsionn CLG* along with the Codes of Conduct of the three associations (GAA, Camogie Association, and the LGFA).

The Executive Committee of St. Vincent's is committed to abiding by the codes provided by the relevant Associations. The links to the Association Codes, below, are in effect as at time of issue of this document. These documents may be updated from time to time, so it is the readers responsibility to refer to the appropriate Association for the latest version.

1.1 ASSOCIATION CODES OF CONDUCT: ADULTS

As stated above, all members must abide by both St. Vincents Conduct Regulations and the Association Codes of Conduct for adult persons, as follows:-

Gaelic Athletic Association	https://www.gaa.ie/api/pdfs/image/upload/gxthnk5f0jvqehfhch4x.pdf
LGFA Code of Conduct	https://ladiesgaelic.ie/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/LGFA-Code-of-Conduct.pdf
Camogie Code of Conduct	https://camogie.ie/administration/official-rules/
See the following sections:	Book 1 – Primary Rule Book Book 2 – Playing Rules Book 3 – Code of Practise for all Officers Book 4 – Mandatory Procedures for THDC and Disciplinary code. Code-of-Conduct-for-the-Camogie-Referee.pdf

1.2 ASSOCIATION CODES OF CONDUCT: YOUNG PEOPLE

As stated above, all members must abide by both St. Vincent's Conduct Regulations and the Association Codes of conduct for young and vulnerable persons , as follows:

GAA Code of behaviour	https://www.gaa.ie/api/pdfs/image/upload/ukepuvlq3qhyie10ifqy.pdf
GAA Child Welfare & Protection	https://www.gaa.ie/the-gaa/child-welfare-and-protection/
LGFA Code of Ethics & Good Practice	https://ladiesgaelic.ie/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/LGFA-code-of-ethics.pdf
Camogie Association Code of behaviour	http://www.camogie.ie/files/GAACodeofBehaviour_Underage_Neutral.pdf

Note that within St. Vincents GAA Club, we have Childrens' Officers for each Association, and a "Designated Person" to ensure full implementation of the Club's Child Protection and Welfare Policy.

1.3 CONDUCT REGULATIONS FOR MEMBERS OF NAOMH UINSIONN CLG

The Conduct Regulations for members of Naomh Uinsionn CLG is divided into three parts:

- 1.3.1 General Conduct Regulations which apply to all members (including players, mentors, volunteers etc).
- 1.3.2 Players' Conduct Regulations
- 1.3.3 Mentors' Conduct Regulations

1.3.1 GENERAL CONDUCT REGULATIONS – ALL MEMBERS

Area	No.	Description of regulation
General Conduct Regulations	1	All St. Vincents Members, whether acting in a capacity of officer, member, player, parents/guardian, mentor, supporter, volunteer, match official, part of a team or section, or any other capacity must abide by <ul style="list-style-type: none">- the relevant Association Codes of Conduct published by the GAA, Camogie Association and the LGFA; and- the Conduct Regulations (this document);
Injuries	2	All injuries, whether during an approved challenge match, fixture, training, or any other approved activity, must be reported to the Office@StVincentsGAA.ie and the relevant Games Director. ¹
Discipline	3	Any matters of indiscipline, deemed sufficiently serious, should be dealt with in accordance with the Club Disciplinary Regulations (Vins/Regs/002).
Damage to Property	4	As per the constitution, Article 7.18 (a) no member is permitted to damage / harm / or malfunction any of the owned or hired club property / facilities, including clubhouse, pitches, and grounds both in PNU and other external locations. Members will be liable for any such damage. All guests, children of members, and visitors shall be permitted to use the premises and property of the Club providing Conduct Regulations is adhered to.
Illegal activity	5	Any illegal activity is prohibited within the Club grounds or at any location where a member is representing St. Vincents GAA Club.
Player Panels	6	Games Directors shall ensure that adequate numbers of players are assigned to panels in order to compete in competitions. Games Directors shall regularly interact with team managers to ensure that players are available to the appropriate panel for specific fixtures.
Grounds opening times	7	In line with the Constitution, Article 7.18 (b) all members, visitors, guests shall adhere to the opening and closing times of the Grounds and Premises of the Club.
Grounds usage	8	In line with the Constitution, Article 7.18 (d) the Executive may set aside the Club premises or facilities for activities from time to time, subject to the consent of Central Council.

¹ Each Games Director will ensure that each incident is reported to the relevant Association in accordance with that Associations procedure in the Associations specified time frame.

1.3.2 PLAYER SPECIFIC CONDUCT REGULATIONS

Area	No.	Description of regulation
Player allegiance	1	A player, in joining the Club, shall undertake that their primary sporting allegiance is to the Club. Continued selection and or playing, shall be assessed on this basis.
Players resuming and stopping play	2	Players who have decided to stop playing shall inform the team manager and the appropriate Games Director of their decision. A player who wishes to resume playing after making such a decision, shall do so, only after the team manager and appropriate Games Director have been informed and consented to such a change.
Player availability	3	Players shall be available for training and matches as scheduled by the mentors. Players shall contact their team manager if unable to attend a training session, match or other event organised by the mentors for the team.
Player obligations	4	It is the responsibility of each player to inform themselves of upcoming fixtures and other team activities.
Players panel	5	Players shall play with the panel for which they are chosen. A player who is unhappy with the panel for which they have been chosen may consult with the appropriate Games Director.
Player behaviour	6	<p>Players shall behave in a proper manner, both on and off the pitch and do their best, on the field of play at all times.</p> <p>Players shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - promote the highest standards of personal conduct; - promote and support fair play; - demonstrate a positive attitude to the games and activities of the GAA, Camogie Association and LGFA; - respect match officials, opposing mentors and players; - support and encourage St. Vincents players; - always set a good example to the players; - ensure that each player behaves in a proper manner on and off the pitch (for example no bad language / no abusive behaviour); - respect home or away clubhouses and facilities;
Team & Club Activities	7	Players are expected to support team and club activities, including fundraising, where required.
Respecting requests	8	Players are expected to respect and respond to non-games related requests from their mentors and appropriate Games Director or the Executive of the Club.
Player Membership	9	In order to play for the Club, players must pay their annual membership before 31 March each year ²
Player Gear & Equipment	10	<p>Players shall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • wear all relevant protective gear, as specified by the relevant Association Official Guide (e.g. gum shields, shin guards, etc) • wear all relevant official St. Vincent's kit during matches. Players failing to do so will not be allowed to play. • equip themselves with the necessary equipment for matches and training (e.g. Hurley, helmet with face guard etc) <p>Please see Vins/Regs/003 (Club Gear Policy).</p>
Playing abroad	11	<p>Players wishing to play abroad must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • advise the relevant team manager and the Club Secretary • comply with the relevant Official Guide;
Supporting your Team	12	If a player is injured or unable to play, they shall inform the relevant team manager. (Players shall use their best endeavours at all times and support both teammates and mentors alike. Mentors are encouraged to support players whilst they are injured.)
Player Discipline	13	Any matters of indiscipline shall be dealt with in accordance with the Club Disciplinary Regulations (Vins/Regs/002)
Team Funding	14	Where required, players shall pay team subs ³ to cover out of pocket expenses

² Where players are undergoing economic hardship, please contact Office@StVincentsGAA.ie for assistance.

³ Subscription or Subs is the common name given to a small amount of money paid by each player to a team for expenses (for example – paying referees).

1.3.3 MENTOR SPECIFIC CONDUCT REGULATIONS

Area	No.	Description of regulation
Mentor appointments	1	Mentors are appointed by the appropriate Games Director on an annual basis.
Team selection	2	Mentors shall pick teams on their merit. The objective of each Games Section is, ultimately to produce competitive senior teams, whilst being competitive at all other levels where relevant.
Standards	3	Mentors shall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • observe and promote the highest standards of personal conduct; • promote and support fair play; • demonstrate a positive attitude to the games and activities of the GAA, LGFA, and Camogie Association; • respect match officials, opposing mentors and players; • support and encourage St. Vincents players; • always set a good example to the players; • ensure that each player behaves in a proper manner on and off the pitch;
Match gear	4	Mentors shall ensure that players wear St. Vincent's official gear during matches.
Gear and equipment	5	Mentors are responsible for all squad equipment (including footballs, sliotars etc). All jerseys should be counted after matches and laundered before each game. At the conclusion of each season all gear shall be listed and returned to the relevant section, where required.
Training Sessions	6	Mentors should:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • hold training session(s) weekly during the playing season, at allocated time(s); • training should be planned in advance, and mentors should use all available club resources; • mentors should attempt to make every session as positive as possible.
First Aid & injuries	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mentors shall make appropriate provision for First Aid for training and fixtures. • Mentors should not permit players to continue playing, if injured.
Fund Raising	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mentors shall account for funds collected from players and for expenditure incurred. • All fundraising activities must firstly be sanctioned by the Executive as per the Fund Raising Process (Vins/Regs/004)
Requesting Playing Up	9	Mentors requiring the services of players from other teams, must request permission from the Manager of the relevant team. Where a dispute arises, the appropriate Games Directors will make a decision, which will be final.
Squad Administrator	10	Mentors shall appoint an Administrator who will provide details of the full panel to the Secretary of the Club via Secretary.StVincents.Dublin@GAA.ie .
Section Meetings	11	Mentors shall ensure that, where required, their panel has a representative in attendance at all scheduled Section meetings.
Qualifications	12	Mentors shall: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • obtain Foundation and Level 1 Coaching qualification; and • should continue to upskill on a regular basis (either by attending inhouse or County Board provided training); • attend a child safeguarding course (if juvenile players form part of the squad); • obtain Garda Vetting (if juvenile players (U18) form part of the squad);
Team & Club activities	13	Mentors are expected to support team and Club activities including fundraising.
Nets & Flags	14	Mentors are responsible for ensuring: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • nets and flags are put up and taken down (for home matches); and • returned to Club storage, in a manner you would expect to find them.
Fixture Changes	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the event of proposed changes to fixtures mentors shall follow the outlined procedures of the relevant Association and ensure the respective Games Director and Club Secretary (if applicable) are made aware of the situation.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the event that the county board is to be contacted for any other reason, communication must be via the Club Secretary or the appropriate Games Director (if applicable). In no instance should any mentor contact the County Board directly.
Discipline	16	Any matters of indiscipline, deemed sufficiently serious, should be dealt with in accordance with the Club Disciplinary Regulations (Vins/Regs/002)
Team Funding	17	<p>The juvenile playing sections are obliged to be self-financing.</p> <p>Each adult team shall also make every effort to ensure sufficient finance is raised to cover its needs.</p> <p>Any proposed fund-raising activities shall request approval from the Executive (via Secretary.StVincents.Dublin@GAA.ie) before undertaking same. Please see Vins/Regs/004 (Fund Raising Policy).</p>
Team Subs	18	Team Subs for each squad shall, where required, be charged, to cover out of pocket expenses. Such fees should be decided upon and agreed at the commencement of the season. Any balance over, must be spent on the relevant team or surrendered to the Club Treasurer.
Club Fund Raising	19	All Funding efforts must adhere to the St. Vincent's Fund Raising Policy (Vins/Reg/004).
Player Welfare	20	Mentors are obliged to treat players in a fair and impartial manner.
Player availability conflicts	21	Any conflicts arising over player availability at training or matches, particularly in relation to dual players, shall be ruled upon and resolved by the appropriate Games Directors whose decision shall be binding. Dual players shall be protected from over exposure ⁴ .
Progression from Minor to Adult	22	Players progressing from minor levels will be placed on panels and assessed by the relevant Adult Games Section(s) in conjunction with the coach/mentors with whom they were previously engaged.

⁴ Some Games Directors have a process in place for resolution of dual player availability issues. Please refer to the appropriate Games Director for further details.