



O'Dwyers GAA Club

Juvenile Player Policy

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This policy has been drafted to ensure players are playing on the correct teams, that mentors are aware of what team a player should be on and to ensure that we have teams across as many age groups as possible, therefore ensuring the sustainability of each team. Please remember, as Mentors, Parents and Officers we are here for the betterment of all teams and the Club as a whole.

1. A Player's loyalty will be to their age group first. A player can play for any age group above his own as long as it does not interfere with him representing the Club at their own age group.
2. If the Club does not field or is unable to field at a particular age group then the next available age group will be deemed their age group.

E.g. a player who is 13 years old on or before the 31st December 2013 is an u13 player. If the Club cannot or does not field at u13 level and has an u14 team then the player will be deemed an u14 player for that season. In the following season the player will still be an u14 player and must represent the u14 team before playing at any other age group.
3. The maximum age group the Club would like to see a player play above their own is two years.
 - ***This may not be possible in all circumstances and the Club will abide by the current GAA rules on the matter (Rule 6.16 of the Official Guide P1).***
4. The Skills Camp will accommodate age group 4 – 7 inclusive. i.e. you must be no older than 7 years old on or before the 31st December of that year and no younger than 4 before the 1st of January of that year.
5. The u7 development team is an initiative introduced in 2014 and is a vital stepping stone in the development of future Go Games teams. The u7 development team will consist of the players eligible from the nursery. This will be defined as being over 6 years of age on the 1st January but under 7 years of age on the 31st December of that year.
 - ***If a player under 6 years of age on the 1st of January plays with the u7s they will have stay at u7 the following year. They are still free to play with the u8s as in rule 1 above.***
6. Eligibility for the u8 Go Games team will be defined as follows. An u8 player is defined as being no older than 8 years old on or before the 31st December of that year and no younger than 7 years old on or before the 31st December of the previous year.
 - ***Players under 7 years of age can play at u8 level subject to rule 1 above.***
7. Dual players must represent the code of their age group (rule 2 above) that is the main fixture of that week before playing another code. E.g. If the u13 footballers are fixed for a match on a football week and there is also an u13 hurling fixture for that week, then the player must represent the Club on the u13 football team first.
8. Hurling & football weeks are usually defined as having league or championship fixtures.
9. Priority will always be given to championship first, league second & cup third. Where a fixture of equal standing is fixed, the mentors should find an amicable solution and not put added pressure on the player to choose. i.e. One of the teams could move the start time of their match to accommodate the player(s) involved & the favour returned when possible.
10. Any issues that may arise, for whatever reason, will be looked into by the Juvenile Committee, and the Health & Wellbeing Group if necessary, before being passed on to the Executive.