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***Craughwell GAA***

***Parents Charter 2019***

**PARENTS/GUARDIANS SHOULD ENCOURAGE THEIR CHILD TO:**

• Always play by the rules.

• Improve their skills levels.

• Appreciate everybody on their team, regardless of ability.

• Maintain a balanced and healthy lifestyle with regard to exercise, food, rest and play. Advice may be sought if necessary from Club officials on this issue.

**PARENTS/GUARDIANS SHOULD LEAD BY EXAMPLE:**

• Adopt a positive attitude to their children’s participation in our games.

• Respect officials’ decisions and encourage children to do likewise.

• Do not exert undue pressure on your child.

• Never admonish your own child or any other child for their standard of play.

• Be realistic in their expectations.

• Show approval for effort, not just results.

• Avoid asking a child or young person, ‘How much did you score today’ or ‘What did you win by’ or ‘What did you lose by.’ Ask them ‘Did they enjoy themselves.’

• Never embarrass a child or use sarcastic remarks towards a player.

• Applaud good play from all teams.

• Do not criticise playing performances. Identify how improvements may be made.

• Do not seek to unfairly affect a game or player.

• Do not enter the field of play unless specifically invited to do so by an official in charge.

**PARENTS/GUARDIANS SHOULD:**

• Complete and return the annual registration/permission and medical consent forms for their child’s participation in the Club.

• Inform the Coaches, and any other relevant Club personnel, of any changes in their child’s medical or dietary requirements prior to coaching sessions, games or other activities.

• Ensure that their child punctually attends coaching sessions/ games or other activities.

• Provide their child with adequate clothing and equipment as may be required for the playing of our games including for example helmets, shin guards, gum shields etc.

• Ensure that the nutrition/hydration and hygiene needs of their child are met.

• Never encourage your child(ren) to consume non-prescribed drugs or take performance enhancing supplements.

• Listen to what their child may have to say.

• Show approval whether the team wins, loses or draws a game.

• Never attempt to meet their own needs and aspirations for success and achievement through their children’s participation in games.

• If a parent has any issues to raise regarding their child’s participation or performance in a team they may raise this with the team coach(es) but should do so in a constructive and non confrontational

manner and not in the company or vicinity of young players or other parents.

• Complaints about the conduct or practice of a coach should be brought the attention of the relevant Club or County Children’s Officer.

• Support your Club by becoming an active member and by participating in Club activities.

**PARENTS/GUARDIANS SHOULD ASSIST THEIR CLUB BY:**

• Showing appreciation to volunteers, coaches and Club officials.

• Attending training and games on a regular basis.

• Assisting in the organising of Club activities and events as requested.

• Respecting the rights, dignity and worth of every person and by treating each one equally regardless of age, gender, ability, ethnic origin, cultural background or religion.

• Not entering team dressing rooms unless deemed necessary by the team coach (es) so as to protect the privacy of other underage players.

**PARENTS/GUARDIANS HAVE THE RIGHT TO:**

• Know their child is safe and to make a complaint if they believe that their child’s safety is in any way compromised.

• Be informed of problems/concerns relating to their child.

• Be informed if their child gets injured or becomes unwell.

• Complain to the relevant persons if they have concerns about the standard of coaching.

• Have, as a member, a say in relation to decisions being made within the Club.