



# Clane GAA Policy for Away trips / Overnight Stays

Safety of the children on a trip away from the club is extremely important. In order for the club to promote safety and in line with our code of behaviour, **written permission** should be obtained from all parents/guardians for all away trips. A written permission form is available on our website [www.clanegaa.ie](http://www.clanegaa.ie)

## Trip Planning

- Travel Permission forms must be signed by parent/guardian containing emergency contact numbers.
- Parents/guardians are requested to inform the club/team mentors of any medical condition or special needs that their child may have.
- All adults travelling on an away trip need to be chosen carefully and their **roles and responsibilities** outlined clearly. All these adults must be Garda Vetted by the GAA
- Where teams consist of both boys and girls at least one male and one female should be chosen to travel with teams.
- A **meeting** with parents and participants should be held to communicate travel times, competition details, other activities, gear requirement, medical requirement, special dietary needs and other necessary details.

## The Trip

- Alcoholic drink, smoking or any other illegal substances are forbidden to players on the trip.
- Young people should be under reasonable supervision at all times and should never leave the venue or go unsupervised without prior permission.
- Make drop off and collection times clear to mentors, parents/guardians and to young people.
- Coaches/mentors should avoid being alone with any child. This especially applies if travelling by car. If you have to transport an individual player for any reason. Put them in the back seat and get parental consent.
- Coaches/mentors should remain in pairs at the drop off point until all young people are collected after trips away.
- Ensuring that when the team may travel away and stay overnight that separate sleeping facilities are provided for all adults and for young people.
- Adults shall not share rooms with children; However, where the presence of an adult is required there should be more than one child in the room with the adult at all times.
- Similarly, for mixed groups, separate sleeping quarters for males and females shall be required. Children sharing rooms shall only share a room with someone of the same age and sex.
- Both the host club and the visiting club should take care in the selection of homes for overnight stays and where possible more than one child should be placed with each host family.
- In the event of a child sustaining a significant injury or an accident the parents/guardians should be informed as soon as possible (Appendix 5)

## Travelling with Young Players

Mentors have an extra responsibility when they travel to other clubs/venues for games, tournaments or even a day out for the team. Mentors should ensure the following;



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1. Ensure the club has the appropriate insurance cover.
2. Carry only the permitted number of passengers.
3. Ensure the use of safety belts at all times.
4. Avoid travelling alone with one player.
5. Ensure all mentors, parents/guardian and players have signed the Travelling Permission forms (those forms should include emergency contact numbers for the player's parents) (Appendix 5).

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