

CLANE GAA 'ONE CLUB' UNDERAGE POLICY GUIDELINES



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The 'ONE CLUB' MISSION STATEMENT

seeks to give every child the opportunity to develop personally, attain the required skills and attitude to represent their club at adult level in their chosen code(s).

Our Club ethos is focused on developing our young player's personalities through

- SKILLS DEVELOPMENT,
- ENJOYMENT OF OUR GAMES
- RECEIVING EQUAL OPPORTUNITY
- FAIR PLAY!

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Short Term Year 1-2

Grow our numbers at Nursery to 150 boys & girls.

Promote football & hurling to all our boys and girls in Nursery.

Grow our numbers presently between ages U7-U12.

Sustain and manage our numbers from U13-U16 in all four codes.

Equip every player with the necessary skills and attitude so they can maximise their OWN individual potential by progressing through their Player Pathway.

Equip all mentors with the required coaching courses to implement Player Pathway.

Provide guidelines to mentors on best practises to manage 'playing up' & 'streaming'.

Medium Term Year

3-5

Our '2-Team' strategy will aim to provide every child with the opportunity to play on teams that align with their skill levels. The club aspires to have a minimum of two teams at every age level between U7-U16 so as to afford all children sufficient game time to allow them to develop in their OWN time.

Long Term Year onwards

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Every player will aspire to compete in Minor and Adult competitions in their respective code(s). Every player will fulfil their potential on behalf of their club & community. The success of our 'ONE CLUB' underage strategy will

be measured by the number of teams competing at adult level across our four codes. Each code should have a minimum number of two teams at senior level (or three in some codes) and aspire to having two teams at minor level in each code.

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ONE CLUB' ROLE PLAYING

MENTORS are integral to the successful implementation of our 'ONE CLUB' underage strategy and their involvement is a key stepping stone to achieving our goals. Team mentors, including parental and member helpers, will serve the best interests of every child and their teammates. Mentors will be rewarded by observing the growing and sustaining of player numbers and the increasing skill levels of all our players each year.

PARENTS

are encouraged to support team mentors and their helpers in the long term development of all our players across the four codes. This approach will result in all our players developing at their own pace and increasing their prospects of playing on adult teams. Playing sport into adulthood benefits both the player and the parent!

The CLUB will provide assistance to all our mentors through the following supports:

- **Player Pathway** – relevant skills set & testing of these skills at each appropriate age levels.
- ● **Coaching Initiatives & Seminars.**
- **Games Development Administrator assistance (GDA)**
- ● **Schools / Club Links in boys and girls primary / secondary.**

The 'ONE CLUB' underage policy guidelines is an evolving document that will be reviewed and updated regularly to serve the best interests of all our players across the four codes within our club. These guidelines are informed by best practise and are designed to assist mentors, coaches and parents that support the best interests of our players. The 'ONE CLUB' ethos supports the long term development of all our players, so they experience fun and enjoyment in playing our national games.

We support underage competition participation for our young players to display their skills and experience the highs and lows of competition. Players, mentors, parents enjoy success but we collectively have to be mindful of 'at what cost'. We need the support of our mentors and parents to ensure our children play our four codes into their adult years.

Our '**ONE CLUB' Policy** guidelines are compiled from the following;

- Best practises used by leading GAA clubs*
- Survey findings from over 60 mentors across our four codes within the club GAA, LGFA & Camogie Guidelines & Policies*
- Leading experts and Articles of Interest*



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The 'ONE CLUB' policy group that produced this Guidelines Booklet are all members of Clane GAA, are all parents, all are mentors past and present and remain active within the club and wish to serve the best interests of the children in our club!

