



Objective

No-one can dispute the positive impact which technology has made on all our lives. However, if any piece of equipment is misused in any way, the result can impact on many people, our club and the GAA.

It is important to note that as a club we must adhere to the code of Conduct for communication through Social Medium laid down by our governing body the GAA. We must at all times adhere to the association's values and policies available at www.gaa.ie.

Our aim is to ensure that all our members show respect in how they use mobile phones, the internet and other forms of technology, both on the club premises and outside of the club.

By adopting this policy, the committee of St. John's GAC aims to create a safe environment in which members can meet, play or watch our Gaelic Games and/or take part in other club activities, while in Corrigan Park and in other club venues.

1. Use of Mobile Phones in the Club

1. The use of mobile phones is permitted in St. John's:
2. Members and anyone associated with a member, must use their phone in a respectful manner at all times;
3. Taking photographs, videoing or recording others, can only be done with the permission of the person or persons involved;
4. Images of any kind, must not be placed on social media without the consent of the person involved in the image;
5. Cameras on mobile phones must be treated with caution at all times;
6. To ensure the rights of each individual, permission must be sought before taking a person's photograph on your camera;



7. Cameras must never be used in changing rooms or in toilets in the club;
8. Use of devices that may impinge on the privacy of others is not acceptable;
9. The committee accepts no responsibility for the loss of mobile phones while on the premises.

2. Mobile Phones outside of the Club

1. Your mobile phone should never be used as a tool to undermine another person whether by text, WhatsApp, Facebook or phone call;
2. Cyber-bullying will not be tolerated in St. John's;
3. To ensure the safety of others, care should be taken when using your phone to record or take photographs;
4. Ask the person(s) permission before you take a photograph/record a conversation and tell them why you are doing so;
5. Photographs should only be loaded onto the internet with the permission of the person(s) in the photograph.

3. Rules for Internet Use

1. WhatsApp, Twitter, Instagram, On-line forums and sites should be used with caution;
2. Coaches/mentors should only create communication groups with players over 18;
3. WhatsApp groups/e-mails used to convey messages to all under age groups, must be conducted with parents;
4. WhatsApp Groups should only be used to convey appropriate messages;
5. Care must be taken when using WhatsApp, Facebook and other social media apps, to ensure that the dignity of all is respected;



6. Comments at all times, but particularly, when disagreeing with someone, must be kept appropriate and polite;
7. If you feel you want to disengage with a dialogue, do so in a polite and respectful manner;
8. When reposting always check the content before posting;
9. Correct any mistake immediately and make it clear what you have done to fix it;
10. If it is a major mistake, please inform the secretary or Chairperson, so action can be taken to minimise the impact;
11. Always use sound judgement and common sense when posting material on the internet;
12. If in doubt about what you are posting.....Don't post it!

4. Inappropriate Use of Technology

1. Any report of misuse of technology will be investigated;
2. Sanctions will be put in place by the Committee of Naomh Eoin, if the report is upheld;
3. The clear message is RESPECT for members at all times;
4. Members should recognise that the club may be held responsible for your behaviour on-line; it is **your** responsibility to ensure that you do not engage in any activity which may bring the club and the association into disrepute.