

Dunsany GAA U13-U19 Club Policies

U13 Policies	Purpose/Ethics	Development/Participation
Coach Policy	Parents encouraged to manage/coach – outside help encouraged, Aim to have one adult player per group	Unlikely to be coaches available outside parental group
	Commitment by coaches to undertake Introduction to coaching GAA (Minimum) & Aim to complete Award 1 GAA Course	Ensure best practice & improve coach education in the club
	All coaches to complete Child Safeguard Course & complete Garda Vetting	Ensure best practice & improve coach education in the club
Game Development Policies	Everyone who commits gets game time (Minimum of 30 minutes per game)	Retain all players/prevent exclusion/retain late developers
	Playing 12- and 13-year-olds only, (unless short numbers on a given match day)	Retain all players/prevent exclusion/retain late developers
	Experiment with player's positions and roles	Improve development opportunities and game awareness for all
Streaming Policies	Not fully streamed – Strong players play at both first and second team level but one team may be stronger	To support the development opportunities for late developers and avoid path dependency (players stay in first or second stream)
	Full age plays first team/Year two plays second team (For clubs with numbers)	To support the development opportunities for late developers and avoid path dependency (players stay in first or second stream)
	13 year olds named on Red Team, 12 year olds can play up & down but not ahead of a 13 year old	Retain all players/prevent exclusion/retain late developers
Social Media Policy	No results posted/Pictures & information only	Avoid Humiliating younger players/Reduce likelihood of manager rolling back policies designed for long-term development after bad result publicised
U15 Policies	Purpose/Ethics	Development/Participation
Coach Policy	Parents encouraged to manage/coach – outside help encouraged, Aim to have one adult player per group	Unlikely to be coaches available outside parental group
	Commitment by coaches to undertake Introduction to coaching GAA (Minimum) & Aim to complete Award 1 GAA Course	Ensure best practice & improve coach education in the club
	All coaches to complete Child Safeguard Course & complete Garda Vetting	Ensure best practice & improve coach education in the club
Game Development Policies	Obligation to give game time (recommended 30 minutes), no matter the ability, This can be altered to 20 in Championship	Retain all players/prevent exclusion/retain late developers
	Full age players play rather than U13s, U15s only used when really needed but not to start ahead of a full age player	Retain all players/prevent exclusion/retain late developers
	Not fully streamed – Strong players play at both first and second team level but one team may be stronger	To support the development opportunities for late developers and avoid path dependency (players stay in first or second stream)
Streaming Policies	Full age plays first team/Year two plays second team (For clubs with numbers)	To support the development opportunities for late developers and avoid path dependency (players stay in first or second stream)
	15 year olds named on Red Team, 14 year olds can play up & down but not ahead of a 15 year old	Retain all players/prevent exclusion/retain late developers
	Social Media Policy	Win/Loss or Draw reported only – no scores
U17 Policies	Purpose/Ethics	Development/Participation
Coach Policy	Non Parent manage at minor level (Perferred option)	Final decision maker not a parent, where possible in performance environment, to avoid conflict of interest
	Parents permitted to manage in the absence of suitable candidates	Available coaches not there
	Parents encouraged to manage/coach – outside help encouraged, Aim to have one adult player per group	Unlikely to be coaches available outside parental group
	All coaches to complete Child Safeguard Course & complete Garda Vetting	Ensure best practice & improve coach education in the club
Game Development Policies	Commitment by coaches to undertake Introduction to coaching GAA (Minimum) & Aim to complete Award 1 GAA Course	Ensure best practice & improve coach education in the club
	Obligation to give game time (recommended 30 minutes), no matter the ability (non championship)	Retain all players/prevent exclusion/retain late developers
	Limited obligation to give game time (championship)	Performance grade allows for full player availability
	Capable under 15s allowed to play minor championship only	Performance grade allows for full player availability
Social Media Policy	Win/Loss or Draw reported only – no scores	Avoid Humiliating younger players/Reduce likelihood of manager rolling back policies designed for long-term development after bad result publicised. Players who played will know the score regardless
(PRO/Management common sense)	Results posted across the board	Teams are better matched/Players old enough for all results to be publicised.
U19 Policies	Purpose/Ethics	Development/Participation
Coach Policy	Non Parent (Perferred option)	Final decision maker not a parent, where possible in performance environment, to avoid conflict of interest
	All coaches to complete Child Safeguard Course & complete Garda Vetting	Ensure best practice & improve coach education in the club
	Parents permitted to manage in the absence of suitable candidates	Available coaches not there
Game Development Policies	Full age 18 & 19 Year olds prioritised for starting positions	Retain all players/prevent exclusion/retain late developers