



New Zealand Gaelic Games Championships Wellington 2026



Teams Code of Conduct

The New Zealand Gaelic Games Championships bring together clubs from across the country for a weekend that celebrates community, competition, and the proud traditions of the Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA), the Camogie Association, and the Ladies Gaelic Football Association. All participating teams are expected to uphold the highest standards of behaviour, sportsmanship, and respect, reflecting the values that define our games.

1. Respect for the Games and Their Ethos

- Honour Gaelic Games core principles: community, amateur spirit, inclusiveness, and respect for all participants.
- Represent your club, county, and culture with pride, humility, and integrity.
- Promote the spirit of Gaelic Games as a unifying force that welcomes players of all backgrounds and abilities.

2. Behaviour On and Off the Field

- Compete with fairness, honesty, and discipline at all times.
- Accept referees' decisions without dissent. Any concerns must be raised through the appropriate channels by team management.
- Refrain from abusive, aggressive, or intimidating behaviour toward opponents, officials, volunteers, or spectators.
- Avoid any conduct, verbal, physical, or online, that could bring the Championships or the participating clubs into disrepute.
- Alcohol or substance misuse that affects behaviour, safety, or performance is strictly prohibited during match activities.

3. Team Spirit and Club Culture

- Support teammates positively, fostering an environment where every player feels valued and encouraged.
- Celebrate success with humility and handle defeat with dignity.
- Prioritise collective effort over individual ambition; the team comes first.
- Engage constructively with coaches, mentors, and club officials, recognising their voluntary commitment to the sport.



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4. Respect for Opponents and Officials

- Acknowledge opponents as partners in the game and treat them with courtesy before, during, and after matches.
- Thank referees, match officials, and event volunteers for their contribution.

5. Safety and Wellbeing

- Play within the rules to protect the safety of all participants.
- Report injuries, unsafe conditions, or misconduct promptly to event officials.
- Look out for teammates and ensure everyone is supported throughout the weekend.

6. Commitment to the Event Community

- Respect event facilities, accommodation, and host venues.
- Follow all scheduling, registration, and administrative requirements.
- Uphold the welcoming, family-friendly atmosphere that defines Gaelic Games in New Zealand.

By taking part in the New Zealand Gaelic Games Championships, every team and player agrees to uphold this Code of Conduct. Together we ensure a safe, enjoyable, and culturally proud celebration of our games.