

## Transport Policy

### Transport Policy of Players Under 18

#### Purpose

Arthur Griffith Park Football Club is committed to safeguarding and the welfare of children and young players and the club committee members share this commitment. The club is committed to developing and implementing policies and procedures to ensure that everyone knows and accepts their responsibility in relation to a duty of care for players under 18.

This policy has been developed to provide all club members, parents/guardians and players under 18 with all the information that is needed regarding travel and transport to home games, away games and practice sessions when carrying out any club duties.

Arthur Griffith Park Football Club policy is that it is the responsibility of parents, not the club, to transport their child to and from the club or nominated meeting point. If parents make arrangements between themselves this is a private arrangement and at the parents' discretion, and nothing to do with the club.

If a parent/guardian arranges for a taxi service, this also is a private arrangement. It is advisable that for the homeward journey

- 2 adult club members stay with the under18 at the club grounds until the taxi arrives
- note the time the taxi arrives at
- get the under 18 to phone home just before getting into taxi

If parents choose to allow their child to travel with Arthur Griffith Park Football Club members they must understand the following procedures:

- Communication regarding transport will only be carried between the manager and parents in line with our club's communication policy.
- No club member should feel obliged to transport u18's. It is solely their own choice, & as a club member to have Garda Vetting & Safeguarding Course 1 completed
- No club members of Arthur Griffith Park Football Club are permitted to travel alone to any activity or event in which Arthur Griffith Park Football Club is participating with players under 18 in their vehicle unless that person is the parent/guardian of the under 18 player(s).
- Where a club member of Arthur Griffith Park Football Club is transporting players under 18 to a match they must be Garda vetted, have completed Safeguarding Course 1 and accompanied by another member of Arthur Griffith Park Football Club or another adult. Such transport is only permitted with the permission of the parent/guardian of the player under 18.
- Taking U18s on journeys in your car alone must be avoided, where possible. This is to ensure the safety of the U18 as well as to protect the adult.
- Collection and return drop offs by club members of players under 18 will be by two adults.
- One of the adults will be required to be Garda vetted & have Safeguarding Course 1 Certification.
- No collections or return drop offs will be executed by one club member.
- Collection and return drop off points will be agreed in advance with parents/guardians with any changes to be discussed, confirmed and agreed by parents/guardians. There must be an adult to hand over youths at both collection and drop offs. The club member

transporting must know in advance who that will be if it is someone other than the known parent/guardian.

- Both adult club members will travel in the front driver and passenger seats, with players under 18 in the back seats. No adults are permitted to sit with players under 18 in the back seat of the vehicle.
- Safety belts will be required for all passengers.
- It is the parent's responsibility to satisfy themselves that any club member transporting under 18 players has the following:
  - Garda vetting & Safeguarding Course 1 Certifications
  - Driver Licence
  - Insurance Certification
  - Valid NCT
  
- The Child Welfare Officer must ensure that contact details for the parent/guardian of each player under 18 are available at all times during travel to and from away matches in the event that it is necessary to contact the parent/guardian.