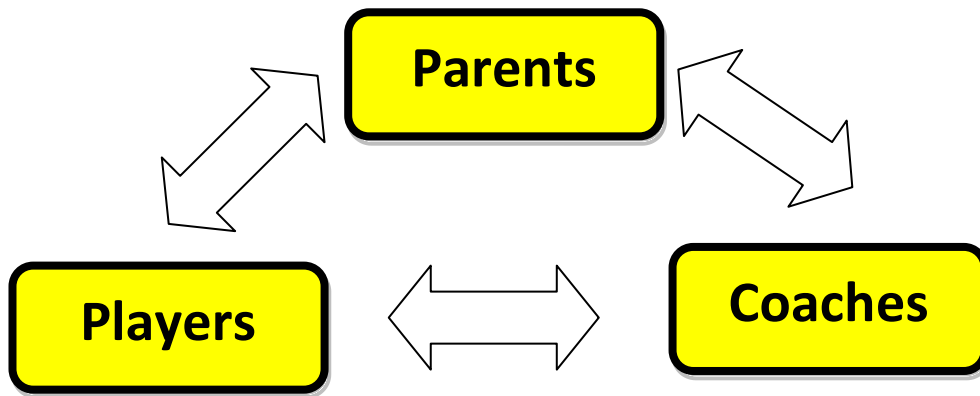


Crossmaglen Rangers GAA Coaching Team

Our Club is committed to promoting the well-being of all our members, and in particular the young people who participate in our teams and activities.

Upon registration all players and parents will be given a copy of the GAAs acceptable code of conduct, which all players and parents should adhere to at all times. If parents or coaches have any concerns about the well-being of their team members here are the members of our club you can contact.



Crossmaglen Rangers Safe Guarding Team

We are also aware that we have a duty of care for all young people, and our coaches are dedicated to identifying and eliminating practices that impact negatively on safe and enjoyable participation in children’s sport. Our safeguarding team, work to ensure that any incidents are acted on in a timely and appropriate manner, in line with GAA guidelines and current legislation.

Children’s Officer	Coaching Development Officer	Club Chairperson (Designated Officer)
Marion McMahon Contact details: 07730578786 Email: maz4f@hotmail.com	Tony Brady Contact details: 00353876929783 Email: coachcrossrangers@gmail.com	Eugene Hanratty Contact details: 00353860863287 Email: ehanratty@btinternet.com
Responsibilities: * Provide coaches with information about safe-guarding requirements. * Support coaches with completion of Access NI vetting. * Provide all coaches with opportunities to complete safe-guarding training.	Responsibilities: * Recruitment and training of all coaches. * Provide parents and young people with a copy of the club’s code of conduct. * Remind all coaches of the necessity to complete or renew Access NI vetting.	Responsibilities: * Chairperson and figure head for the whole club. * Consults with Children’s Officer about any incidents reported. * Reports on any allegations made in relation to the well-being of any club member.

As part of your child protection training, you will have received information about signs of abuse and your responsibility, as a coach to report this onwards. Here are our club’s procedures:

1. Coach/mentor/ club member should note the complaint or concern that has been made. (Date and facts)
2. Inform one of the safe guarding team.
3. The safe guarding team should meet to discuss the issue and determine an appropriate course of action.
4. If appropriate the designated officer (Chairperson of the club) will report any allegations to county/ provincial children’s officer, for advice. They will then determine the next course of action to be taken.

The action taken should be kept confidential and will only be disclosed on a need to know basis in line with current legislation. (Human Rights Act 1998 Article 8: Right to respect for private and family life, home and correspondence)

“There’s nothing common about common sense”

As a coach, you often hear people say use your common sense when working with teams, players as individuals or even parents. However, as a club we want to ensure coaches are clear about what is acceptable and unacceptable.

Safe Guarding Guidance for Coaches	
Photography	Photographs of games, club events etc should be taken by our official club photography, Roisin Murtagh (PRO) . However, she/he can’t be at every event, so we also recommend that coaches: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• If you are taking photos during play, this must be agreed before the match with the opposing team• only take team shots/ player of match/ presentation to individual• Parent/sideline photographer- do you know them? If you don’t monitor it and report it on (if nessecary).
Changing Facilities and Gym Access	All changing areas and toilets are “Mobile free zones”! Coaches are asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advise players to come to training and games “ready to play”, where possible.• Always knock and announce before you enter a changing room.• Bring a buddy- avoid entering a changing area on your own.
Physical Contact	If a player becomes injured during training or a match, you may be required to attend to them: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Make sure this is done in an open and transparent manner.• Never carry out any form of treatment, as you are not qualified to do so.• If an injury requires further attention, make parents aware, and advise them to see GP or go to A&E depending on the injury.• Physio appointments should be organised using the procedures as per the injury fund.
Transport	Lifts should only be given when: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• When they cannot be avoided, ensure that you have agreed them with parents.• Players should be transported in the back seat only and have another child with you. Buses should be used where viable, and we encourage a healthy child to adult ratio (10:1).
Communication	Group chats- if group chats are set up they should be parent only. Parents must consent to this (as their number is available to others in the group). <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parent group chats should only communicate training and game info.• Parent group chats should have two or more club members involved e.g manager & mentor or committee member.
Attendance	Coaches are required to keep attendance at training and matches. Attendance records will be requested at the end of the season, to be stored centrally in the club.