



# *Young Irelands Juvenile GAA 2017*

March 2017

*Dear Parents,*

Coaching sessions for boys and girls under 10 years recommence on **Monday March 27th**. Parents are asked to have children in the new pitch beside the National School before **6:30pm**. The session will finish by 7:30pm.

**DUE TO ONGOING WORK ON OUR NEW DRESSING ROOMS ONLY TEMPORARY TOILET FACILITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THE FIRST NUMBER OF WEEKS. PARENTS ARE ALSO ASKED TO CLOSELY SUPERVISE CHILDREN DUE TO THE ONGOING CONSTRUCTION TAKING PLACE ON THE SITE.**

- Children taking part must be under 10 this year but **born before 31/12/2012** (must be 5 in 2017).
- Please fill in membership form & return in sealed envelope on first night with membership fee - €30 per child subject to a limit of €80 per family.
- All children must have their helmet and their own hurl (both marked with child's name).
- Under **no** circumstances will children be allowed to participate without a helmet. When purchasing helmets please ensure they are **IS355** approved to meet safety regulations.
- A child's hurl should be the correct size (**no higher than hip height**).

**We have large numbers participating in our coaching sessions and in order for us to organise the sessions in a safe and orderly way we would ask you to note and cooperate with us as follows:**

- Parents of children who are starting this year are asked to stay for the hour. If a child leaves the group during the session it is up to their parent to take responsibility as the coaches must remain with the group.
- For safety reasons younger **children who are not participating** should be with parents at all times and should **never be allowed to wander onto the pitch area or be around the coaching groups**.
- Once the session finishes children should return immediately their parents.
- We would ask you to be extra careful driving into and out of the pitch each evening and to park safely. Always be aware of the fact that children may be nearby. Also make sure your child is aware of being safe in the car parking area.

- It may happen on occasion that a match is fixed for the pitch for 7:30p.m. On these nights it is important for parents to be extra vigilant regarding children and match traffic. Keep an eye on the Kilkenny People or [www.kilkennygaa.ie](http://www.kilkennygaa.ie) each week to see if a match is fixed for the pitch.

**NB: Please note that on the first night of coaching there will be a brief meeting of parents of new beginners in the club rooms at 6:45pm.**

- On a night of bad weather it is up to parents to decide whether to bring your child to the pitch or not. When possible we circulate a text if coaching has to be cancelled.
- The Club Code of Behaviour must be followed at all times. Coaches should be obeyed at all times and no rough play or bad language will be tolerated. This Code of Behaviour is available to view on our Club website [www.youngirelands.gaa.ie](http://www.youngirelands.gaa.ie)
- For children to improve their skills it is important that they play with a hurl and ball at home.

Contact details for the Coaching Coordinators involved with each of the age groups are as follows:

Boys			Girls		
Under 6	Brian Corbett	(087) 1255342	Under 6	Cora Carter	(087) 6115276
Under 8	Ciaran Carroll	(086) 2736722	Under 8	John Drennan	(086) 3025636
Under 10	Stephen Drennan	(086) 2324573	Under 10	Anthony Coomey	(086) 8231123

Membership forms are also available to download on club website [www.youngirelands.gaa.ie](http://www.youngirelands.gaa.ie)

**With large numbers of children involved in coaching sessions we always welcome extra help. If you would like to help out in any way at coaching (or otherwise within the club) please contact;**

**Ciaran Phelan (086) 8333019, Pdraig Brennan (087) 9176245 or any coaching mentor.**