



## Disability & Special Needs Policy



An Goirtín Naomh Pádraig is committed to the inclusion of all persons with a physical or mental impairment that has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on a person's ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities, from here on referred to as a disability.

This policy should be read in conjunction with the Club Equality Policy

### ***As such An Goirtín Naomh Pádraig will:***

- Provide a welcoming and open atmosphere for disabled club members
- Provide a programme of activities for disabled club members
- Ensure that all club facilities are disability friendly and adhere to the relevant legislation in reference to disabled access. Where deficiencies are identified, the club shall develop a plan to have these addressed.
- Ensure club facilities are open to use by Special Schools or other community groups who cater for persons with a disability
- Attend Ulster GAA CPD courses on disability, special needs and the promotion of disabled games
- Provide a programme of disabled games for disabled club members in conjunction with other local GAA clubs in the area
- Ensure that positive images and role models of disabled people and disabled coaches will be represented in all resources, promotional and publicity material
- Appoint a Executive Level officer with responsibility for linking with special schools and catering for members with disabilities
- Share good practice with other GAA/Sports Clubs
- Develop links with other sporting clubs through the Local Sport Council/Partnership to cater for disabled members
- Link with relevant statutory bodies in the area of disability

### **Monitoring and Evaluation**

The club shall monitor and evaluate the delivery of this policy and issues shall be escalated to the club executive committee as required. An overall report given at the Club Annual General Meeting.

Policy adopted by An Goirtín Naomh Pádraig Club Executive Committee on: 06 / 03 / 2013 Date

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