



## Straffan Camogie Club

### Away Trips Policy

Safety of all children on a trip away from the club is extremely important. In order for the club to promote safety, and in line with the Camogie Association [Code of Behaviour](#), written permission should be obtained from all parents/guardians for all away trips. A *Travel Permission Form* is available on our website at [www.straffancamogie.com](http://www.straffancamogie.com)

#### Trip Planning

- Travel Permission forms must be signed by parent/guardian and contain emergency contact numbers.
- Parents/guardians are requested to inform the club/team mentors of any medical condition or special needs that their child may have.
- All mentors/coaches travelling on an away trip will be Garda Vetted by the Camogie Association.
- Where a team or training group consists of both boys and girls, the supervision and coaching personnel must also comprise of both male and female personnel.
- Any parents/guardians travelling on an away trip will be responsible for their own children only.
- Adults are required to be familiar with the agreed rules on smoking and on the consumption of alcohol during the trip, as outlined in the Code of Behaviour.
- Where a trip involves an overnight stay, a **meeting** with parents and participants should be held to communicate travel times, competition details, other activities, gear requirement, medical requirement, special dietary needs and other necessary details.
- For day trips, a meeting does not need to be held. However, detailed information should be provided by the lead coach.
- 2 emergency contact numbers should be provided- 1 must be for the lead coach.

#### The Trip

- Alcoholic drink, smoking or any other illegal substances are forbidden to players on the trip.
- Young people should be under reasonable supervision at all times and should never leave the venue or go unsupervised without prior permission.
- Drop off and collection times should be made clear to mentors, parents/guardians and to young people.
- Coaches/mentors should avoid being alone with any child. This especially applies if travelling by car. If you have to transport an individual player for any reason, they should be put in the back seat and parental consent should be given.
- Coaches/mentors should remain in pairs at the drop off point until all young people are collected after trips away.
- When the team travel away and stay overnight, separate sleeping facilities should be provided for all adults and for young people.

- Adults shall not share rooms with children other than parents/guardians. However, where the presence of an adult is required there should be more than one child in the room with the adult at all times.
- Similarly, for mixed groups, separate sleeping quarters for males and females shall be required. Children sharing rooms shall only share a room with someone of the same age and sex.
- Both the host club and the visiting club should take care in the selection of homes for overnight stays and where possible more than one child should be placed with each host family.
- At least 1 member of the mentor/coaches group (or a vetted adult) travelling with the group should have knowledge of basic first aid.
- In the event of a child sustaining a significant injury or an accident the parents/guardians should be informed as soon as possible.

### Travelling with Young Players

Mentors/Coaches have an extra responsibility when they travel to other clubs/venues for games, tournaments or even a day out for the team. Mentors/Coaches should ensure the following:

1. Ensure the club has the appropriate insurance cover.
2. Carry only the permitted number of passengers.
3. Ensure the use of safety belts at all times.
4. Avoid travelling alone with one player.
5. Ensure all mentors, parents/guardian and players have signed the Travel Permission form (those forms should include emergency contact numbers for the player's parents). Forms are available on our website [www.straffancamogie.com](http://www.straffancamogie.com)

***Straffan Camogie Club adheres to all guidelines set out in Section 9 of the Code of Behaviour- Organising Club Activities for Underage Players***