



## Gambling Policy

### Introduction

Bredagh GAC has developed this Gambling Policy to:

- support the health and well-being of its members;
- protect the integrity of our games and our players;
- provide a positive example in breaking the growing societal link between sport and betting.

In developing the Policy the Club Executive has considered;

- Our duty of care toward our members, particularly our players and juvenile members who, research shows, are at higher risk of harmful gambling.
- Local community and wider societal concerns regarding harmful or problem gambling.
- GAA rules and regulations.
- Relevant national law.

Policy commitments;

Bredagh GAC will ensure that:

- No betting related sponsorship is accepted for Club teams, gear, property, or equipment.
- All officers, players, mentors, and members are aware that GAA Rule 1.15 prohibits players, team management or match officials from betting on games in which they are involved; and that they are aware of the consequences of violating this rule (minimum sanction members face for offence is an 8 week suspension. Expulsion from the Association may also be considered in some cases.)



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- The Club upholds GAA Rule 5.8: Bookmaking shall not be permitted within Association property.( A member breaching or aiding the breach of this Rule will be suspended for 24 weeks.)
- Club communication channels (such as websites, social media platforms , Club Whatsapp groups) are not used to promote or discuss betting odds or to carry any related advertising and that appropriate steps are taken should this directive be violated.
- The Club Lotto is managed in a responsible manner, is adherent to the law, and is not open to juvenile members.
- The GAA’s Gambling Awareness resources are made available to all players and members through our communication platforms.
- Gambling awareness educational opportunities , such as the GAA’s own gambling awareness presentation or that offered by a reputable external entity, is made available to all playing members from the age of under 17 upwards at least once a year.
- This Policy is reviewed by the Club Executive every two years or in the aftermath of any official GAA rule change or directive that impacts on it.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Health & Wellbeing Officer