

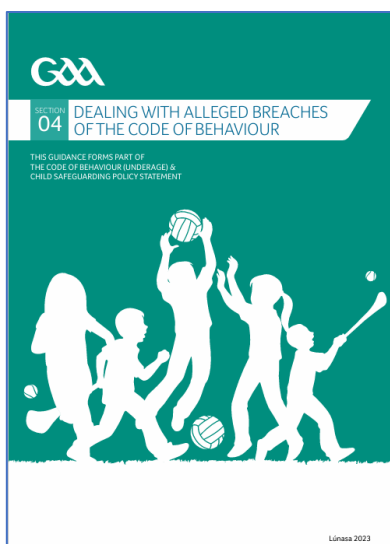


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The **GAA CHILD SAFEGUARDING POLICY** (Section 4) states that it is the Role of each Club Executive Committee and County Executive Management Committee to appoint the following;

1. **CODE DETERMINING COMMITTEE**
2. **CODE OF BEHAVIOUR HEARING COMMITTEE**

REFERENCE: [Child Safeguarding Policy](#) (See Section 4)



CODE DETERMINING COMMITTEE

The Code Determining Committee is made up of two members of the Executive Committee, appointed by the Executive Committee . It can be any member with the exception of, the Children's Officer , or a member of the Hearings Committee.

The Code Determining Committee will consist of two people who are level-headed and can listen, understand the Code and are prepared to make decisions based on evidence presented. Gender balance is important.

CODE OF BEHAVIOUR HEARINGS COMMITTEE

The Code Hearing Committee is a three-person committee appointed by the Club/County Executive. Members of the Determining Committee, other Executive members and the Children's Officer cannot be in membership of the Code of Behaviour Hearings Committee.

Be aware that a Complainant or a Respondent could object to a member of a Code Hearings Committee on the grounds of conflict of interest or perceived bias. Where this happens, the relevant Club Executive or County Executive would have to consider this objection and may agree to replace the member of the Code Hearings Committee temporarily.



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Appointment of the Club Code of Behaviour (Underage) Hearings Committee **("The Club Code Hearings Committee") (5.6)**

5.6.1 The Club Executive Committee shall appoint the Club Code Hearings Committee consisting of three individuals to hear allegations of breaches of the Code of Behaviour (Underage) at Club level.

5.6.2 Where two or more Clubs amalgamate for the purpose of fielding underage team(s) the Club Executive Committee representing each of the amalgamating Clubs shall endorse the membership of one of the Clubs' Code of Behaviour (Underage) Hearings Committee who shall act as the Club Code Hearings Committee for the amalgamated unit.

5.6.3 In appointing the Club Code Hearings Committee, the Club Executive Committee will have regard to the extent of integration of the Associations in the particular Club (if any) in selecting the Hearings Committee.

5.6.4 Any allegation of failure to comply with the obligation to have regard to the extent of integration of the Associations in a particular Club, shall not undermine the validity of the committee as appointed or its decision.

5.6.5 If an individual appointed to the Club Code Hearings Committee is conflicted in relation to the parties to or the subject matter of the Report, that individual shall notify the Club Executive Committee of the conflict and shall be removed from the Club Code Hearings Committee.

5.6.6 If an individual is removed from the Club Code Hearings Committee, the Executive Committee shall appoint a different individual to the Club Code Hearings Committee on a temporary or permanent basis.

5.6.7 The Club Code Hearings Committee shall appoint from within its membership a Chairperson and a Secretary.

5.6.8 Members of the Club Determining Committee, and the Club Children's Officer, may not be members of the Club Code Hearings Committee.

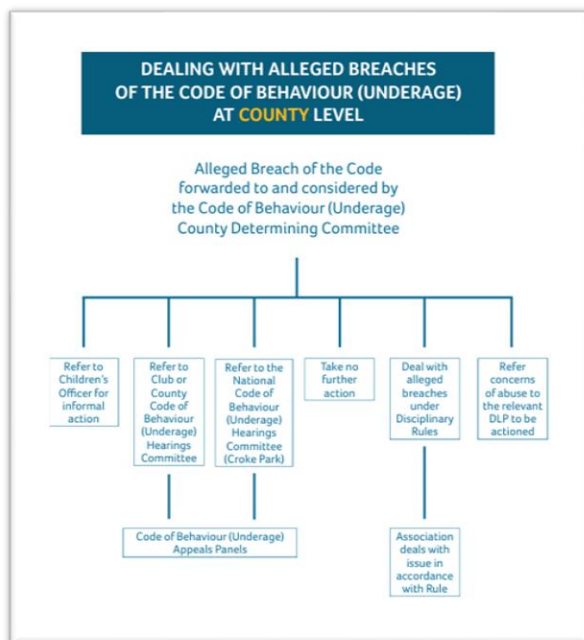
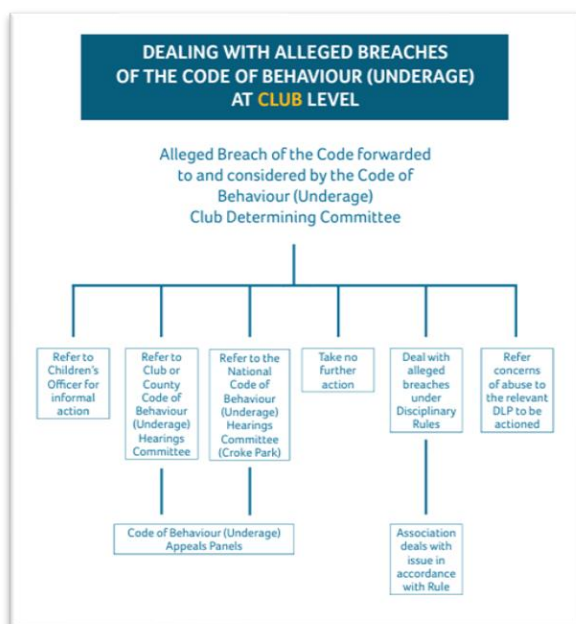
5.6.9 The Club Code Hearings Committee shall hear allegations of breaches at Club level and may also hear allegations of breaches if referred to it and deemed relevant to the Club.

AN ALLEGED BREACH OF THE CODE – What to do!

- An allegation may be a breach of Rule **or** Code and may be dealt with under Rule **or** Code – but **cannot** be dealt with under both.
- Who decides where the allegation is dealt with? – The Determining Committee.
- Role of the Children's Officer – to facilitate, assist, arrange meetings, but is not a member of either the Determining Committee or the Code Hearings Committee.



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REFERENCE: [Child Safeguarding Policy](#) (See Section 4)