



OXFORD UNIVERSITY GAELIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

CODE OF CONDUCT 2015-2016

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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1. Being totally committed to the safety of its members, the Oxford University Gaelic Athletic Association will operate so far as reasonably practicable, in accordance with the following document, it's risk assessment, the Proctors rules and current NGB guidelines.
- 2. The Oxford University Gaelic Athletic Association will compete in two sports, Hurling and Gaelic Football. The international governing body for both these sports is the Gaelic Athletic Association/Cumann Lúthchleas Gael (GAA). The National Governing Body for university competition in these sports is the British Universities Gaelic Athletic Association/Cumann Lúthchleas Gael Ollscoileanna Na Breataine (BUGAA). The Oxford University Gaelic Athletic Association is affiliated to the recognised National Governing Body for our sport:-

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We will adhere to all safety guidelines of the GAA, and in addition, we will seek guidance/advice from BUGAA. Expert advice on safety/proper procedure will also be sought from the local GAA club ‘Oxford Éire Óg’ which competes in County Championships.

We will be insured through the University. Any paid coaches are to have their own insurance.

- 1.3. It is the responsibility of the secretary to ensure that affiliation is registered and any information on new or current “Best Practice” requested. A copy of the affiliation form should be provided to the Sports Department and its nominated officers as soon as the affiliation is renewed and where possible.
- 1.4. The club will appoint a new committee on the fourth week of Trinity term. The committee will serve for one complete academic year.
- 1.5. At least two members of the new committee will arrange a Safety Briefing/Compliance meeting with the Sports Department and its nominated officers within two weeks of appointment. All clubs must have met with the Sports Department and its nominated officers before the end of Michaelmas Term.
- 1.6. The reviewed and signed versions of the Code of Conduct and Risk Assessment will be supplied to the Sports Department and its nominated officers at an agreed time after the appointment of the new committee.
- 7 The club’s appointed “Senior Member” is Dr. Frank Dillon, Dept. Material Science, (frank.dillon@materials.ox.ac.uk).
- 8 It is the responsibility of the individual, to bring to the attention of the Committee, any known medical condition or previous injuries that may affect their or other Club member’s safe participation within the sport. If the issue is of a sensitive nature, then this MUST be raised via the Sports Department and its nominated officers.
- 1.9. The Club Code of Conduct, Risk Assessment and Constitution shall be available for members on the club website under a clear ‘Safety Documents’ link.

2 Club Activities

FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2013-14 OUR PROPOSED ACTIVITIES WILL BE:

ACTIVITY	DAY/DATE	VENUE/LOCATION
Match Training	Friday Evenings	Brookes Astroturf
Skills Training	Tuesday Evenings	University club astro-turf
BUGAA fixtures	Sundays	Nation-wide
Varsity Match	Trinity Term	Oxford: Horspath Sports Ground

3.0 Specialist Officers

- 3 The Club Committee will consist of at least three of the following officers who shall be fully matriculated members of the University:

President Frank Dillon 07546276503 frank.dillon@materials.ox.ac.uk

Secretary Eoin Monaghan eoin.monaghan@oriel.ox.ac.uk

Treasurer Colm Fitzgerald colmjfitz@hotmail.com

Men's Captain Ronan Henry 07933533966 ronan.a.henry@gmail.com

The duties and responsibilities of these individual officers are outlined in section 3 of the Code of Conduct guidelines to this document.

4.0. Event Organiser, Activity Leaders and Coaches and/or Instructors

- 4.1. The Oxford University Gaelic Athletic Association will follow the guidelines for Event Organisers and Activity leaders, as detailed in the 'guidelines for the Code of Conduct' as displayed in section 6 of the safety webpages at www.sport.ox.ac.uk.

The name of the Club appointed Event Organisers for 2015-2016 are:

NAME	POSITION	E-mail

- 4.2. The name of the Club appointed Activity Leaders for 2015-2016 are:

NAME	POSITION	E-mail

- 4.3 The name of the Club appointed Coaches/Instructors for 2015-2016 are:

NAME	POSITION	Experience	E-mail
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The club is reminded that the Coaches and Instructors are to provide the Sports Federation with a copy of their latest qualification, their First Aid Qualification (if held) and proof of Personal Indemnity Insurance. This information will be sent to the Sports Federation Office prior to the commencement of the new academic year (Michaelmas). It is the responsibility of the Coach and/or Instructor to renew and supply copies of the above forms.

- 4.4. Activity Participants:

Although Activity Leaders are responsible for informing participants about the exact nature of an activity, participants should be aware that they are responsible for their own actions, especially if they choose to disregard advice given by an Activity Leader or Event Organiser or Coach and/or Instructor.

5.0. University Sports Club Activities

- 5.1. The Oxford University Gaelic Athletic Association will undertake its activities as outlined in section 6 of the Code of Conduct guidelines to this document.

6.0. Activity Registration

- 6.1. The Oxford University Gaelic Athletic Association will follow the guidelines of the Trip Registration Form guidelines for trips in the United Kingdom and abroad, as detailed in section 10 and 11 of the safety webpage.

7.0. First Aid

- 7.1. The Oxford University Gaelic Athletic Association will follow the guidelines for First Aid provision, as detailed in section 12 of the safety webpage.

- 7.2. **The name of the Club trained and/or qualified First Aiders for 2015/2016 are:**

NAME	POSITION	QUALIFICATIONS	E-MAIL
Frank Dillon	President	First Aid Course	Frank.dillon@materials.ox.ac.uk
Christina O Mahony	Vice-President	Physiotherapist	christinaomahony@gmail.com

8.0. Accident and Emergency Procedures

- 8.1. The Oxford University Gaelic Athletic Association will follow the Accident and Emergency Procedures, as detailed in section 7 of the safety webpage.

9.0. Training Courses

- 9.1. In an effort to promote the highest standards of instruction, training and safety, the Oxford University Gaelic Athletic Association actively encourages its members to partake in training courses, gain experience or undertake formal assessment in our sport.

The Club will endeavour follow the guidelines for provision of this, as detailed in section 13 of the safety webpages.

10.0 Clubs Complaints Procedure

- 10.1. The Club operates a procedure that allows Club members to raise complaints about issues, which might include the following:

- The safety of Club activities.
- Poor standards of instruction or leadership.
- The standard of equipment used for Club activities.
- Poor Club Administration.
- The lack of suitable activities for their level of participation.

10.2. Complaints concerning Club safety or operational matters should initially be addressed to the Club President. If this does not prove satisfactory a written complaint should be made to the Sports Federation. If this reply is unsatisfactory then a written complaint should be made to the Director of Sport.

11.0. Governing Body Recommendations

The Oxford University Gaelic Athletic Association will operate so far as reasonably practicable, in accordance with our current NGB guidelines.

12.0. The Code of Conduct Guidelines.

The Code of Conduct Guidelines can be used as an appendix to the Code of Conduct and the information is available in section 6 of the safety webpages at www.sport.ox.ac.uk

13.0. Club Social Functions.

Social functions form an important part of a club's activities. As a result Clubs have a responsibility for any organized activity, including social events. Please be reminded that Clubs should under no circumstance place students under any pressure to take part in, or pass any form of initiation as part of their membership of the Club. All students should be able and encouraged to participate in student activities in an atmosphere free from discrimination or fear. All clubs are reminded that they operate within the overall framework of Oxford University and as an Oxford University Club cases of disrepute at social functions will be treated seriously'