



ST MARY'S GAA ATHENRY -Alcohol and Substance Abuse Policy.

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Alcohol and Substance Abuse Policy.

ASAP is an acronym for “Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention”. This policy is designed to assist the Club in responding in a proactive and positive manner to difficulties that may arise in relation to alcohol, drug and substance abuse. The ASAP policy document is an addendum to the Club codes, policies and procedures. The full document (GAA CLUB MANUAL FOR DEALING WITH DRUG AND ALCOHOL RELATED ISSUES) is available on the club web site. It has been designed to assist and provide guidelines to the Club membership, Executive, parents/guardians and supporters to deal with issues that may occur during Club activities. It outlines policies and procedures adopted by St’ Mary’s GAA Club Athenry to manage alcohol and substance abuse issues in a manner that will promote a healthy lifestyle and compliment the Club’s sporting ethos.

The main objective of the policy is to provide best practice guidelines for the prevention of drug and alcohol abuse issues. It will raise awareness of the membership, parents/guardians and supporters through education and it will offer support and assistance to the membership by providing guidelines for dealing with issues that may arise.

St’ Mary’s GAA Club Athenry is actively committed to addressing the needs of the whole Club in relation to alcohol, tobacco and drug use. As part of the Club’s commitment it will adopt this policy to guide our players, members, supporters and volunteers involved with our teams. All Club members, officials, mentors, parents/guardians, players, supporters and social members are expected to follow the law when it comes to illegal drugs, alcohol and tobacco and display leadership and good example when dealing with our juvenile and adolescent members. This policy applies to all users of the Club i.e., Club buildings and grounds, training facilities, pitches and dressing rooms.

The aim of this policy is to ensure that St’ Mary’s GAA Club Athenry members are kept safe from drug-related harm when involved in Club activities. It is necessary that everyone involved in the Club work together to implement this policy.