



Cumann Lúthchleas Gael  
**CUMANN CHLUAIN DAIMH**  
Clonduff Gaelic Athletic Club  
*Affiliated since 1887*



## **Clonduff GAA Club's Smoke-Free Policy Statement**

Clonduff GAA Club is committed to reducing the use of tobacco and its harmful health effects by adopting the GAA'S tobacco free policy.

**Aim:** To protect the health of all individuals involved with the club by keeping them safe from all tobacco related harm.

**Rationale:** Clonduff GAA Club recognises that tobacco use and exposure to second-hand smoke is severely harmful to health, in particular to the health of children. There is no safe level of exposure to second hand smoke. The policy will help change social norms around tobacco use, encourage people to consider quitting and reduce the initiation of smoking amongst young people.

Smoking tobacco is one of the world's biggest public health threats killing more than 7 million people globally a year. Around 890,000 of these deaths are due to exposure to second-hand smoke (WHO, 2019). In the Republic of Ireland, there are almost 5,500 smoking related deaths each year and one in every two long-term tobacco users will die from a tobacco related disease (HSE, 2019). In Northern Ireland smoking tobacco has been identified as the single greatest cause of preventable illness and premature death with 2014 data revealing approximately 16% or 1 in 6 of all deaths were attributable to smoking tobacco (Public Health Agency, 2015).

The club has therefore adopted a tobacco free policy in specific areas, which includes the use of e-cigarettes / vaping. It applies to the entire Clonduff GAA Club facility, including both internal and external, including:

- Buildings and all indoor facilities including shop, equipment shed, gym
- Doorways and entrances
- Pitches and sports facilities
- Balconies, outdoor seating and club/bar facilities

This policy applies to all members, officials, coaches, players, parents, visitors and volunteers. We believe that we are setting a positive example for the community with genuine concern for everyone's health.

**Timing:** This policy will commence on the **1<sup>st</sup> January 2024**

**Enforcement and non-compliance:** The club will use no smoking signs both internally and externally to promote the smoke-free areas. Executive Committee members will monitor compliance in the club grounds.

The following strategy will be followed if anyone breaches the smoke-free policy:

- ✓ Assume that the person is unaware of the non-smoking policy

- ✓ An Executive Committee member or club representative will approach the person breaching the policy and politely ask them to refrain from smoking and remind them about the Smoke-Free Policy
- ✓ If the offence continues a senior member of Executive will intervene

**Policy Review:** This policy will be reviewed six months after its introduction and then on an annual basis thereafter by an Executive Committee representative. This will ensure that the policy is sustained, effective and up to date.

**Clonduff GAA Club is committed to following the GAA'S Tobacco Free Policy including Electronic Cigarettes / Vaping.**

Signed (Cathaoirleach)

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Date: 31/03/2023

Signed (Rúnaí)

*Anita Brú Bhranagain*

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