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A Chara,

On behalf of the discipline committee of Competitions Control Committee of Coiste na nOg I would like to remind all clubs of the importance of adhering to the "Give Respect Get Respect" initiative of the GAA as it relates to players, supporters and parents, mentors and other club officials representing your Club at juvenile games.

We would like to draw your attention in particular to the following provisions of the GAA Official Guide – Part 1 issued in February of this year:

- Chapter 7.2 (b) outlines the infractions and penalties relating to misconduct at games by players. Included within Category IV of 7.2 (b) is "Abusive language towards a Referee, a Score Umpire, Line Umpire or Sideline Official". The minimum penalty arising for such an infraction is a **two match suspension** in the same code and at the same level.
- Chapter 7.2 (c) outlines the infractions and penalties relating to misconduct at games by team officials. Included within Category IIa of 7.2 (c) is "Abusive language towards a Referee, a Score Umpire, Line Umpire or Sideline Official". The minimum penalty arising for such an infraction is a **four-week suspension in all Codes and at all levels and a two match suspension** in the same code and at the same level.
- Additionally, chapter 7.2(c) also provides that in the case of a Team Official officiating at Games in Under 17 or Younger Grade Competitions committing an infraction of Rule 7.2(c) Category IIa, IIIa, IVa or Va, the **minimum time suspension imposed shall be double** the minimum specified in the respective category of this Rule.
- Chapter 7.2 (d) outlines infractions and penalties relating to disruptive conduct at games by players, team officials or supporters. The penalties arising include forfeiture of the game in question and other measures, including fines, at the discretion of the CCC.

The above provisions will be strictly applied by the discipline committee of Competitions Control Committee, Coiste na nOg where such infractions are noted in a Referees Report during our juvenile games in 2024.

We request that you share this notice with all of your juvenile teams' players, officials, and mentors to ensure that they are aware of the "Give Respect Get Respect" initiative and the infractions and sanctions noted in the Official Guide.

Is mise le meas.

*Cormac Doyle*

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