



DISABILITY AND SPECIAL NEEDS POLICY

Arva GAA and Arva Ladies Club is committed to the inclusion of all persons with a physical or mental impairment that has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on a person's ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities, from here on referred to as a disability.

This policy should be read in conjunction with the Club Equality Policy and the LGFA/GAA National Code of Behaviour (underage) available from the GAA/LGFA Club and the GAA/LGFA Club Child Safeguarding Statements, which is also available from both Clubs.

As such Arva GAA and Arva Ladies Club will:

- Provide a welcoming and open atmosphere for disabled club members.
- Ensure that all club facilities are disability friendly and adhere to the relevant legislation in reference to disabled access
 - Attend courses on disability and special needs in conjunction with both male and female County Boards
- Ensure club facilities are open to use by Special Schools or other community groups who cater for persons with a disability.
- Where the opportunity arises provide a programme of disabled games in conjunction with other local GAA/LGFA clubs in the area.
- Ensure that positive images and role models of disabled people and disabled coaches will be represented in all resources, promotional and publicity material.
- Share good practice with other GAA/LGFA/Sports Clubs and develop links with other sporting clubs through the Local Sports Council/Partnership to cater for disabled members
- Link with relevant statutory bodies in the area of disability Monitoring and Evaluation.

A comprehensive monitoring and evaluation system will be developed to ensure the successful implementation of the disability policy. A report will be given to the club executive committee on a regular basis with an overall report given at Club Annual General Meetings.

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Secretaries

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Designated Children's Officers