

Galway Masters – Code of Conduct

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The Galway Masters Basketball Tournament is committed to providing a welcoming, competitive and enjoyable environment for all players, coaches, team managers, officials, volunteers and supporters.

As a Masters tournament, we ask everyone to remember that the event is about more than competition. It is an opportunity to celebrate basketball, renew friendships, meet new people and represent our teams, clubs and countries with pride.

By participating in the Galway Masters, all players and team personnel agree to uphold the following Code of Conduct.

1. Professionalism and Sportsmanship

We will conduct ourselves in a professional, respectful and sporting manner at all times, both on and off the court.

We will:

- Arrive on time for games, warm-ups, meetings and scheduled events.
- Be properly prepared and appropriately dressed.
- Maintain a positive attitude, regardless of the result.
- Represent our team, club and country in a manner that reflects positively on the Galway Masters tournament.

2. Respect for Others

All players, coaches, managers, physios and team personnel must treat others with courtesy and respect.

This includes:

- Teammates and opponents.
- Coaches, managers and medical staff.
- Referees and table officials.
- Tournament organisers and venue staff.
- Volunteers and supporters.
- Other teams and members of the public.

Verbal abuse, intimidation, harassment, discrimination, threatening behaviour, physical aggression or any other disrespectful conduct will not be tolerated.

3. Respect for Officials and Volunteers

The Galway Masters tournament relies heavily on the contribution of referees, table officials, venue managers and other volunteers.

We recognise that these individuals give their time to help make the tournament possible and will treat them with courtesy and respect at all times.

Players and team personnel must not argue aggressively with officials, challenge decisions in an abusive manner or engage in personal criticism.

Any abuse of referees or officials may result in immediate disciplinary action, including removal from a game or tournament.

4. Fair Play

We will play the game in the spirit in which it is intended.

We will:

- Follow the official tournament rules.
- Respect the decisions of referees and tournament officials.
- Play honestly and fairly.
- Avoid deliberate cheating, deception or unsportsmanlike behaviour.
- Accept victory with humility and defeat with dignity.

Fighting, deliberate violent conduct or serious unsportsmanlike behaviour will be dealt with firmly in accordance with the tournament rules.

5. Teamwork and Camaraderie

We will support our teammates and contribute positively to the team environment.

We will:

- Encourage and support one another.
- Communicate openly and respectfully.
- Share responsibilities.
- Celebrate team achievements together.
- Support fellow players, even when they are not on the court.
- Remember that the Galway Masters is both a competitive and social tournament.

6. Personal Responsibility

Everyone is responsible for their own behaviour and actions throughout the tournament.

Participants must:

- Take responsibility for their conduct.
- Follow instructions from their team management and tournament organisers.
- Respect the tournament venue and accommodation.
- Take care of personal belongings and shared facilities.
- Avoid behaviour that could damage the reputation of their team, club, country or the Galway Masters.

Illegal activity, vandalism, harassment, violence or behaviour that puts others at risk will not be tolerated.

7. Alcohol and Substance Use

The Galway Masters recognises that socialising is an important part of the tournament experience. However, all participants are expected to behave responsibly.

Players must never participate in training or games while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Excessive alcohol consumption, drug use or behaviour resulting from alcohol or substance use that brings the tournament, team or venue into disrepute may result in disciplinary action.

8. Behaviour at Social Events

The Galway Masters includes social events that provide an opportunity for teams and players to meet, socialise and enjoy the tournament together.

All participants are expected to:

- Treat fellow attendees, hotel staff, event staff and members of the public with respect.
- Behave appropriately at social functions and team events.
- Respect personal boundaries.
- Avoid excessive or inappropriate behaviour.
- Remember that their conduct reflects on their team and the Galway Masters.

9. Dress Code and Team Representation

Players and team personnel are expected to maintain an appropriate standard of dress throughout the tournament.

Team members should:

- Wear the required team playing kit during games.
- Follow any team-specific dress requirements.
- Dress appropriately for official tournament functions and social events.
- Wear tournament or team clothing when requested by team management or organisers.

10. Social Media and Photography

Participants are encouraged to celebrate and share their Galway Masters experience responsibly.

When using social media, players and team personnel must:

- Treat other participants with respect.
- Avoid posting offensive, abusive, discriminatory or inappropriate content.

- Not publish content that could damage the reputation of another player, team, official or the tournament.
- Obtain appropriate consent before posting images or videos of others where necessary.
- Remember that social media posts can have a lasting impact on individuals and organisations.

11. Venue and Accommodation

All participants must respect the tournament venue, accommodation and surrounding facilities.

Any damage, vandalism, inappropriate behaviour or breach of venue or hotel rules may be referred to the tournament organisers and/or relevant management.

Participants are expected to leave facilities clean and in good condition and to respect other guests and members of the public.

12. Health, Safety and Wellbeing

The health and safety of all participants is a priority.

Players must inform their team management of any injury or condition that may affect their ability to participate safely.

Everyone is expected to follow reasonable health and safety instructions issued by tournament organisers, venue staff, medical personnel or officials.

13. Disciplinary Action

Any breach of this Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action.

Depending on the seriousness of the incident, consequences may include:

- A verbal or written warning.
- Removal from a game or event.
- Suspension from a subsequent game.
- Removal from the tournament.
- Referral to the Galway Masters Management Panel.
- A ban from future Galway Masters tournaments.
- Referral to the appropriate authorities where required.

The Galway Masters Management Panel will consider matters not covered by the tournament rules and may make decisions regarding operational, disciplinary or management issues.

14. Our Commitment

The Galway Masters is committed to creating a tournament where competition, friendship and respect go hand in hand.

We ask every participant to remember:

Play hard. Play fair. Respect the game. Respect each other. Enjoy the Galway Masters.

By participating or attending in the Galway Masters, you agree to abide by this Code of Conduct and to uphold the values and reputation of the tournament.