

Our Games – Our Code

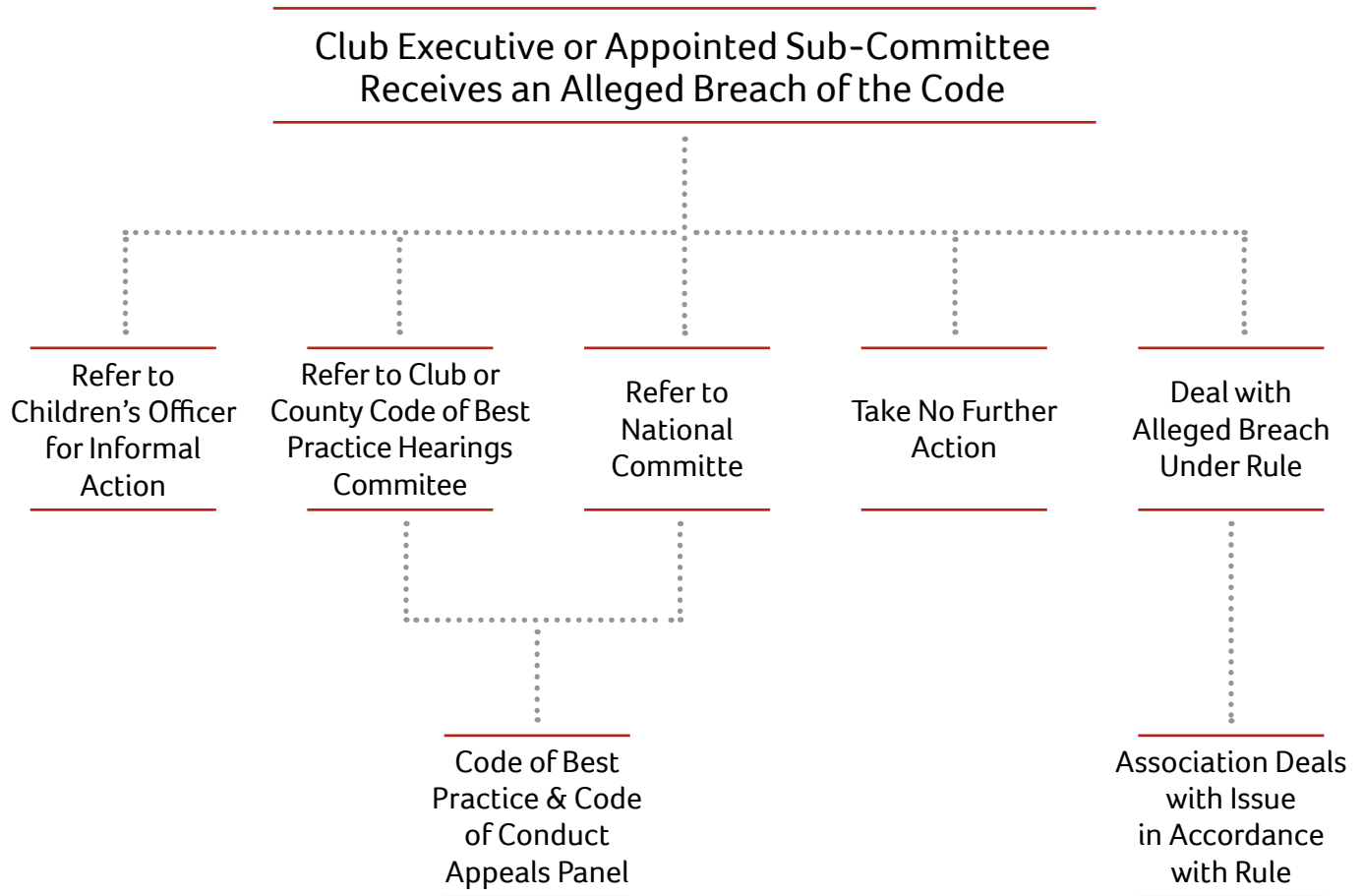
Dealing with Alleged Breaches of the Code of Best Practice in Youth Sport

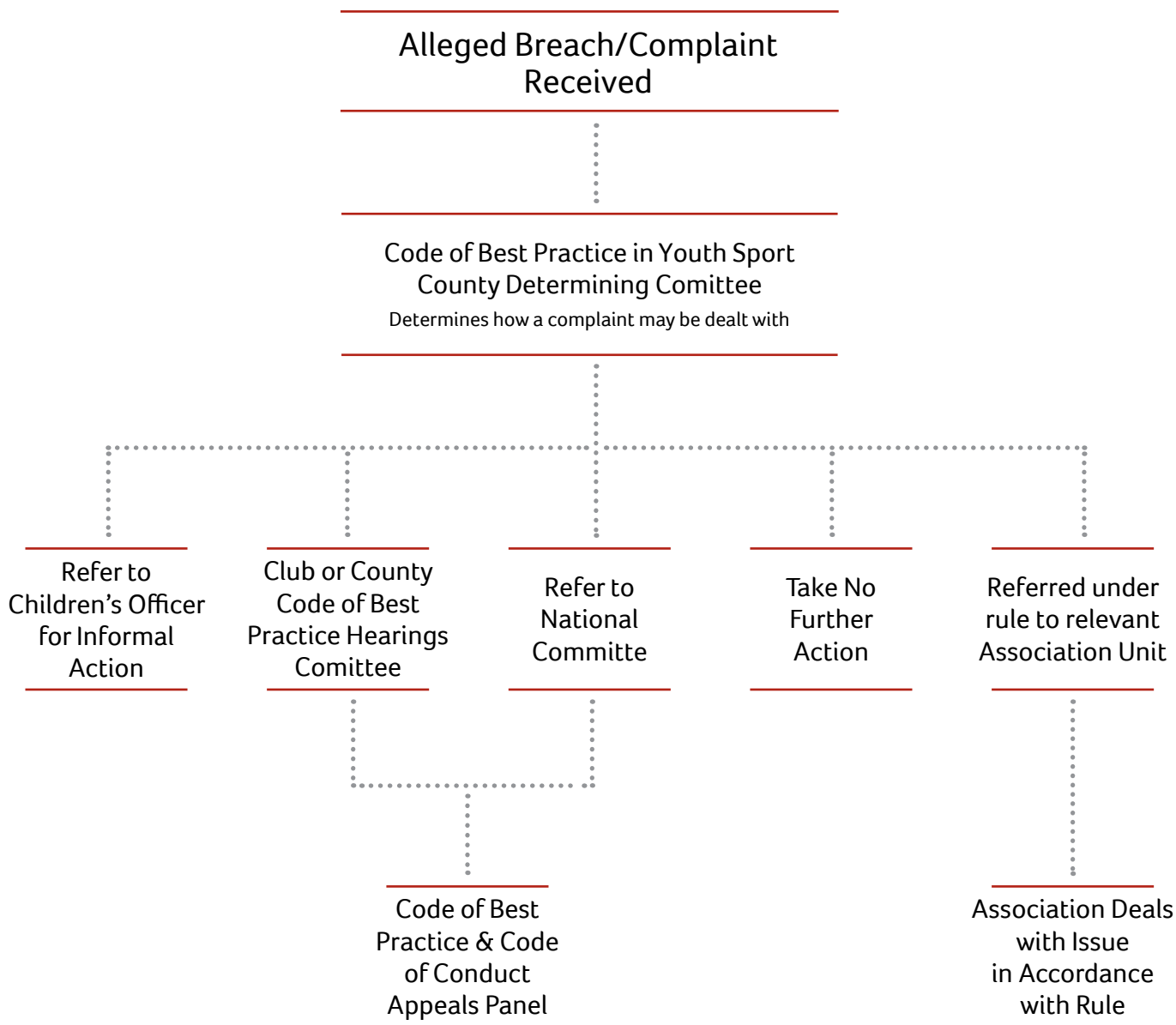
Our Games – Our Code, the joint Code of Best Practice in Youth Sport (including the Code of Behaviour) outlines the minimum levels of behaviour that we require of those that are involved in underage games and activities. The Code applies equally to underage players, coaches, to parents and guardians, to our supporters, referees and officials. While the promotion of the Code may be seen as the responsibility of the Children’s Officer ultimately it is everybody’s responsibility to ensure that the Code is fully implemented.

Breaches of our Code will unfortunately occur from time to time, some minor and some of major consequences. This may happen as a result of carelessness, poor practice, lack of understanding or there may in some instances be deliberate or indeed calculated breaches of the Code.

Minor instances of poor practice may quite appropriately be dealt with at Club/County level by the Children’s Officer in an informal manner and by agreement. This could necessitate meeting with the person who may be responsible for the poor practice or the minor breach of the Code and resolving the issue amicably and by agreement. All such outcomes should be noted by the Club Children’s Officer. However, other alleged breaches of the Code may have to be dealt with in a more formal manner as outlined in the diagrams on pages 24 and 25.

A detailed publication titled Our Games Our Code: Dealing with Alleged Breaches of the Code of Best Practice in Youth Sport is available from the GAA, the Camogie Association, Ladies Gaelic Football Association, GAA Handball Ireland and the Rounders Council of Ireland or may be downloaded from their respective websites.





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