

The Achill Choral Society

Code of Ethics

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INTRODUCTION

The standing of an organization depends upon the quality and integrity of its members, its relationship with the outside world and its pursuit of the highest standards.

Particularly with regard to the role of The Achill Choral Society in the community and its interaction with the public, neither the Music Director nor any member shall compromise the integrity of the Choir or its elected Board.

This Code of Ethics is designed to assist members to attain the goals set out for The Achill Choral Society.

CODE OF ETHICS

1. A member should be loyal to the Society, respect its members' individual interests, attitudes and rights, and should not publicly criticize fellow performers. Appropriate avenues are available via Section heads and Board members for concerns and constructive criticism.
2. Acknowledging that the choir succeeds as a group of individuals, members are expected to make an annual commitment to give a whole-hearted effort to learning and performing choral music. It is expected that each member will commit to attending all practices, rehearsals and concerts unless illness or special circumstance prevents one from so doing. The attendance officer or any board member must be notified of any planned absence as early as possible.
3. The Music Director, in the performance of duties and while representing The Achill Choral Society shall act with the utmost degree of professionalism. The Director shall act in a manner befitting the authority of the position and the need for trusted leadership and cooperation.
4. The relationship between the Music Director and members of the Choir shall be one of mutual respect and consideration.

5. The Achill Choral Society values the strong esprit de corps and cohesive bonds among its members. This “family attitude” is expressed in the thoughtfulness members show during practices and performances and in the important social interactions among the members during breaks and other non-singing activities. All members are expected to show consideration for the Director and fellow choristers by being quiet, attentive and responsive during both practice and performances. This cannot be overstressed.
6. Each choir member has a responsibility to carefully preserve his or her music and costume, which are on loan from The Achill Choral Society. Members must be diligent in caring for these items and returning them in a timely manner when requested.
7. Members of The Achill Choral Society Board, the Director, Section Heads and Committee members are entrusted by the members of our choir to act in the best interests of the choir at all times, and to ensure that confidential information about individual members or choir business, remains confidential.

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