

Code of Conduct for Children and Young Athletes

Sport should be safe, fun, and conducted in a spirit of fair play.

As a young person, you are entitled to the best possible environment to participate in sport.

You deserve to be given enjoyable, safe sporting opportunities, free from abuse of any kind.

You have rights, which must be respected, and responsibilities that you must accept. You should always treat other athletes, coaches and team leaders with fairness and respect.

You are entitled to:

- Be safe and to feel safe
- Be listened to
- Be believed
- Be treated with dignity, sensitivity, and respect
- Have your voice heard in your sport
- Participate on an equal and non-discriminatory basis
- Have fun and enjoy your sport
- Experience competition at a level at which you are happy
- Make complaints and have them dealt with.
- Get help against those who bully.
- Say No.
- Protect your body.
- Privacy and confidentiality.

Athletes should always:

- Play fairly, do your best and have fun.
- Respect your coaches, officials and volunteers and accept the decisions made.
- Respect team members and fellow athletes, at all times, even when things go wrong.
- Respect opponents and be modest in victory and gracious in defeat.
- Arrive at training on time and ready to participate.
- Take responsibility for your own belongings and take them home after training.

- Listen to and obey the coaches' instructions during training sessions.
- Wear the club singlet during competitions.
- Wear bright clothing and a reflective strip at the winter evening sessions.
- Abide by the rules set down by coaches when travelling to and during competitions.
- Talk to the children's officers or any of the coaches if you have any concerns.
- Support and assist where appropriate with the running of your group.

You should never:

Leave the training group for any reason without telling your coach.

- Cheat or seek to gain an unfair advantage.
- Intimidate, use violence or physical contact that is not welcome.
- Shout at or argue with another person unreasonably.
- Cause harm to team members, opponents, or damage property.
- Bully or threaten another person online or offline.
- Spread or circulate rumours online or offline about another person.
- Tell lies.
- Keep secrets about anyone who has caused you harm.
- Take banned substances, consume alcohol or recreational drugs.
- Use email, text, or social media to communicate directly with a coach.
- Train if injured.
- Behave in a manner that will bring the club or sport into disrepute.

Code sign up:

The Parent/Legal Guardian must ensure that their children understand and accept the Code of Conduct as outlined above.

Parents/legal guardians will be required to agree to code of conduct at registration or renewal of registration each year.

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