

# Clontarf FC

## Code of Conduct

The aim of Clontarf FC is to provide all players at our club with an environment which allows them to both enjoy and compete in a safely secure and to reach their potential.

This will be achieved with the full co-operation of Managers/Coaches, Players, Parents and spectators in a safe and friendly environment.

The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship. The highest potential of sport is achieved when competition reflects these "six pillars of character" which will be embraced by every member of Clontarf FC.

Accordingly the following codes of conduct for Players, parents and spectators will be implemented and adhered to by all;

### Code of Conduct for Players

1. Play for enjoyment, not just to please your parents or coach.
  2. Play by the Laws of the Game
  3. Never argue with the referee's decision.
  4. Play with control. Do not lose your temper.
  5. Play for yourself and your team - your team's performance will benefit and so will your own.
  6. Be a "good sport". Applaud all good play whether by your team or the opponent.
  7. Respect your opponent. Treat all players as you would like to be treated.
  8. Give opponents a hand if they are injured, put the ball out of play so they can receive attention.
  9. Give the ball back to your opponents if they have put the ball out of play so that one of your team mates could get attention.
  10. Do not "bully" or take advantage of any player. Do not accept "bullying" in your club.
  11. Co-operate with referees, coaches, team mates and opponents.
  12. Remember that the goals of the game are to have fun, improve your skills, and feel good.
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13. At the final whistle applaud and thank your opponents and the referee for the match.
14. Always remember that you owe a duty of care to your opponents.
15. Tackle hard but fairly, do not intend to hurt your opponent.
16. Win with humility - loose with dignity. Nobody likes a sore loser.
17. Do not attempt to cheat by diving or feigning injury in an attempt to con the referee.
18. It is most important that you don't keep secrets. Tell your Club Children's Officer, your parents, anyone you trust, if someone is causing you harm or distress. You have a right to be safe.

## **Code of Conduct for Parents**

1. I will not force my child to participate in soccer.
  2. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
  3. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
  4. I will be familiar with the rules of the game and the policies of the club.
  5. I will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game and practice.
  6. I will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.
  7. I will not encourage any behaviours or practices that would endanger the health and wellbeing of the players, management or officials.
  8. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
  9. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, colour, sex or ability.
  10. I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
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11. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
12. I will never ridicule or shout at my child or other participant for making a mistake or losing a match.
13. I will emphasise skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning. I will also de-emphasise games and competition in the lower age groups.
14. I will promote the emotional and physical wellbeing of the players ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
15. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches or officials at the game, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
16. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from any kind of drugs, alcohol or substance abuse.
17. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during matches and practices unless I am an official coach.

## **Code for Spectators**

1. Remember that although children play organised soccer they are not miniature professionals. Don't place excessive pressure on children to perform to unrealistically high expectations. Children play soccer to develop their skills, to have fun and enjoy the game.
  2. Be on your best behaviour and lead by example. The behaviour of a team's supporters will often be remembered long after the result of the game. Be remembered for the right reasons.
  3. Applaud good play, sportsmanship and best effort by the visiting team as well as your own.
  4. Welcome and respect all your teams' opponents. Without them there would be no match.
  5. Condemn the use of violence in all forms at every opportunity.
  6. Verbal abuse of players, match officials or opposing supporters cannot be accepted in any shape or form. Players or match officials should never be regarded as fair targets for ignorant or abusive behaviour.
  7. Encourage young players to play within the rules of the game in the spirit of Fair Play.
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