

## Codes of Conduct for Children/Young People

Sports club's for young people should offer a positive experience where they can learn new things in a safe and positive environment. The following are expectations young people have of other young people involved in sport.

### Children/young people are expected to:

- Be loyal and give their friends a 2nd chance.
- Be friendly and particularly welcoming to new members.
- Be supportive and committed to other team members, offer comfort when required.
- Not get involved in inappropriate peer pressure and push others into something they do not want to do.
- Keep within the defined boundary of the playing/coaching area.
- Behave and listen to all instructions from the coach.
- Take care of equipment owned by the club.
- Refrain from the use of bad language or racial/sectarian references. This includes bullying using new technologies like chat-rooms or texting.
- Refrain from bullying or persistent use of rough and dangerous play.
- Show respect to other youth members/leaders and show team spirit.
- Keep themselves safe.
- Report inappropriate behaviour or risky situations for youth members.
- Play fairly and be trustworthy.
- Respect officials and accept decisions.
- Show appropriate loyalty and be gracious in defeat.
- Challenge or report the bullying of your peers.
- Respect opponents.
- Not cheat or be violent/aggressive.
- Not use violence.
- **Make your club a FUN place to be**

### Children/Young people have the right to:

- Be safe and happy in their chosen activity.
- Be listened to.

- Be respected and treated fairly.
- Privacy.
- Enjoy your sport in a protective environment.
- Be referred to professional help if needed.
- Be protected from abuse by other member or outside sources.
- Participate on an equal basis, appropriate to their ability.
- Experience competition and the desire to win.
- Be believed.
- Ask for help.

Any misdemeanours and general misbehaviour will be addressed by the immediate coach and reported verbally to the designated person. Persistent misbehaviour will result in dismissal from the club. Parents will be informed.

Dismissals can be appealed by the child/parent with final decisions taken by the club committee.

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**Signature of Young Person**

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**Printed name Young person**

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**Signature of Parent/Guardian**

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**Printed name of Parent/Guardian**

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_