



Irish Athletic Boxing Association:

Code of Conduct for Young Boxers

The IABA wished to provide the best possible environment for all young people involved in boxing. Young people deserve to be given enjoyable, safe sporting opportunities, free of abuse or harm of any kind. These participants have rights, which must be respected, and responsibilities that they must accept. Young people should be encouraged to realise that they have responsibilities to treat other participants and sports leaders with fairness and respect.

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

Children/Young people are expected to:

- Play fairly, do their best to have fun
- Compete fairly and be trustworthy
- Not to cheat or be violent
- Not to harm team mates, opponents or their property
- Respect opponents
- Be modest in victory and be gracious in defeat
- Be friendly to others
- Be loyal to their club
- Respect the facilities of their own club and any other clubs whose facilities they use
- Be supportive and respectful of other youth members/leaders
- Show respect towards coaches and listen to their instructions
- Take care of the their clubs equipment and the equipment of other clubs when using it
- Respect officials and accept decisions with grace
- Refrain from the use of bad or disrespectful/discriminating language
- Not to participate in inappropriate peer pressure

- Not to tell lies about adults or other children
- Not to spread rumours
- Keep themselves safe
- Challenge and report the bullying of your peers as it is not acceptable. This includes bullying using social media, mobile phones or any other forum or technology
- Make your club a fun place to be

Children/Young people have the right to:

- Be happy and feel safe
- Be listened to and believed
- Be respected and treated fairly
- Privacy
- Enjoy boxing in a protective environment
- Not to be forced or encouraged to lose weight in an unhealthy or unsafe fashion
- Participate on an equal basis, appropriate to their ability
- Experience competition and the desire to win
- Have a voice in the running of their club
- Be protected from abuse or harm by other members or outside sources
- Be referred to professional help if required
- Approach the children's officer with any questions or concerns
- Raise a concern in an appropriate way and have it dealt with through an effective complaints procedure
- Ask for help

Any misdemeanours and general misbehaviour will be addressed by the immediate official and reported verbally to the Child Protection Officer. Persistent misbehaviour will result in dismissal. Parents will be informed at all stages.

Dismissals can be appealed by the child/parent with final decision taken by the IABA appeals committee.