

## **Code of Conduct for Children**

Naas Serpents Basketball Club wishes to provide the best possible environment for all young people involved in the sport.

Young players at this club deserve to be given enjoyable, safe sporting opportunities, free of abuse of any kind.

These young players have rights, which must be respected and responsibilities which they must accept, including the responsibility of treating Coaches and other young players with fairness and respect.

### **Young Players are entitled to:**

- Be happy, have fun and enjoy our sport.
- Be listened to and allowed to reply.
- Be treated with dignity, sensitivity and respect.
- Be safe and feel safe.
- Know who to go to if they feel unsafe.
- Say no to something that makes them feel uncomfortable.
- Get help against bullies.
- Be treated fairly by everyone and have the support of the adults within the sport.
- Have a voice in the club.
- Train and experience competition at a level that is suitable to their age and development.

### **Young Players should always:**

- Treat all coaches, managers, selectors, club and tournament organisers and officials with respect.
- Abide by the rules set down by team managers when traveling to away events.
- Keep to agreed timings for training and competitions or inform their coach or team manager if they are going to be late.
- Be friendly and particularly welcoming to new members.
- Behave in a manner that avoids bringing the game of Basketball or the Club into disrepute.
- Play fairly at all times, do their best.
- Refrain from bullying or persistent use of rough and dangerous play
- Be supportive and committed to other team members, even when things go wrong, offer comfort when required.
- Respect opponents, be gracious in victory or defeat.
- Keep within the defined boundary or the playing/coaching area
- Wear suitable kit – Club Jersey, Club Shorts, Basketball appropriate footwear for training and match sessions as agreed with the coach/team manager
- Behave and listen to all instructions from the coach. Play within the rules and respect the official and their decisions.
- Refrain from the use of bad language or racial/sectarian references. This includes bullying using technologies like social media or texting.
- Respect the rights, dignity of all participants regardless of age, gender, ability, race, cultural background or religious beliefs or sexual identity.

- Take care of any equipment owned by the club
- Challenge or report, bullying, inappropriate behaviour or risky situations to team manager or club child welfare officer.

**Young Players should never:**

- Cheat or allow others to force you to cheat.
- Get involved in inappropriate peer pressure and push others into doing something they do not want to do.
- Use violence or physical contact that is not allowed within the rules.
- Use abusive language, shout or argue with officials, coaches, selectors, team mates or opponents.
- Harm team members, opponents or property.
- Bully or use bullying tactics to isolate another player.
- Use unfair or bullying tactics to gain advantage on or off the court.
- Pass on gossip or spread rumours about another player or adult.
- Keep information secret, especially if they or others have been caused harm
- Take banned substances.
- Smoke, vape, take drugs or alcohol on club premises or whilst representing the club at competitions.
- Use phones during training or matches without express permission of coach or team manager.