

Virginia FC Underage

Parent/Guardian & Player Code of Conduct

Parents / guardians need to be aware of why children want to play football. Children want to learn new skills, make new friends, be part of a group, to win and be successful, experience challenges, excitement and action. While winning is positive, winning at all costs does not meet the needs of players. Results are not a good indicator of coaching effectiveness or ability, the improvement level of players and their level of enjoyment is.

Parents/Guardians & Players **should:**

- ✓ Respect everyone involved in the sport – players including opponents, coaches, referees, officials, club officers etc.
- ✓ Support coach and referee decisions. Disruptive or negative behaviour at training or during matches will incur penalties at all ages.
- ✓ Inform the coach about any illness, injury, holidays, etc.
- ✓ Communicate any concerns you may have to the coach.
- ✓ Make sure the child has appropriate equipment/clothing/refreshments.
- ✓ Encourage FAIR PLAY at home and do not instil a “win at all costs” attitude.
- ✓ Be positive or be quiet, negative comments are counter productive.

Parents/Guardians & Players **should never:**

- Insult players, club personnel or anyone involved in the sport.
- Argue with, or shout abuse at anyone involved in the sport either On or Off the field of play.
- Encourage cheating, aggressive or "dirty" play.
- Criticise other players on their performance.
- Behave with physical or verbal aggression towards another person..
- Ignore or dismiss complaints or concerns expressed by a child which relate to his/her involvement in the sport.
- Provide player phone numbers or other contact details to the club, all communication from the club will be routed through parents/guardians.
- Players should never engage in banned substances to improve performance.

Parent Signature: _____ Player Signature: _____

Date: _____

For further information or advice see:

FAI Code of Ethics & Best Practice and Code of Conduct and Good Practice for Parents / Guardians which is available on www.fai.ie Or contact: FAI Code of Ethics Programme Co-ordinator / National Children’s Officer, 80 Merrion Square, Dublin 2. Tel. 087 9691422 Email: codeofethics@fai.ie