

Code of Conduct

Policy Statement



Cobh Basketball Club

Cobh Basketball Club is fully committed to safeguarding the well being of its members. Every individual in Cobh Basketball Club should at all times show respect and understanding for members rights, safety and welfare and conduct themselves in a way that reflects the principles of the organisation and the guidelines contained in the Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Children's Sport.

In **Cobh Basketball Club** our first priority is the welfare of the young people and we are committed to providing an environment which will allow participants to perform to the best of their ability, free from bullying and intimidation and where they can have fun.

Code of Conduct for Young People

Cobh Basketball Club wishes to provide the best possible environment for all young people involved in the sport. Young people deserve to be given enjoyable, safe sporting opportunities, free of abuse 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. It is therefore expected that all club players will sign a code of conduct when joining the club and adhere to this code in the essence of fair play.

Young players are entitled to:

- Be safe and to feel safe
- Be listened to
- Be believed
- Be treated with dignity, sensitivity and respect
- Have a voice in the club
- Participate on an equal basis
- Have fun and enjoy sport
- Experience competition at a level at which they feel comfortable
- Make complaints and have them dealt with
- Get help against bullies
- Say no
- To protect their own bodies

- Confidentiality

Young players should always:

- Treat Sports Leaders with respect, i.e. their coach, or any coaching staff present, including referees and match officials
- Play fairly at all times, do their best
- Respect team members, even when things go wrong
- Respect opponents, be gracious in defeat
- Abide by the rules set down by team coaches when travelling to away events
- Behave in a manner that avoids bringing the sport of basketball into disrepute
- Talk to the Children's Officer if they have any problems.

Young players should never:

- Cheat
- Use violence or physical contact that is not allowed within the rules
- Shout or argue with officials, team mates or opponents
- Harm team members, opponents or their property
- Bully or use bullying tactics to isolate another player
(There is a bullying policy in place within the club and any form of bully will be dealt with very seriously)
- Use unfair or bullying tactics to gain advantage
- Take banned substances
- Keep secrets, especially if they have been caused harm
- Tell lies about adults or young people
- Spread rumours

***Players are expected to read all of the above and then sign the Code of Conduct that follows and then adhere to all of them. This Code of Conduct is necessary to ensure that all players are treated fairly, can be equal parts of the club and above all else can compete in a fair, safe and enjoyable environment.

Players Code of Conduct

1. I will respect the rules and procedures as set out above by Cobh Basketball club.
2. I will respect my teammates, leaders and spectators, as well as other players, parents and coaches from opposing teams.
3. I will encourage and remain positive to all my teammates regardless of winning or losing.
4. I will respect my coach or any of the coaching staff.
5. I will respect the referees and their authority during sessions and games.
6. I will never behave in a threatening way or use bullying behaviour or foul language while participating in any basketball activities, including training and matches.
7. I will attend training at all times, and if unable will inform the coach of my reasons for absence before hand. I will also be punctual at all times.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Parent/ Guardians Signature: _____

As is necessary in the current society we live in, Cobh Basketball Club has adopted a policy in relation to the use of images of athletes on our social media platforms and in other publications, such as local papers. We will, where possible, use illustrations or models when promoting an activity and avoid the use of the first names and surnames of individuals in photographs. This reduces the risk of inappropriate, unsolicited attention from people within or outside the sport. However, from time to time it may occur that photos will be published or may be used to promote an event or the Club, in these cases we will try to inform the people involved.

Amateur photographers/film/video operators wishing to record an event or practice session will be asked to seek accreditation from the Children's Officer or the coach. These two people will also ask any one at an event that is not a parent or supporter to provide a reason for taking any photos or filming.

Team photos are taken from time to time and match action is also sometimes photographed. These pictures will only be used by the Club for club purposes but it is necessary for us to inform you of this and ask you for your signature in recognition of being informed of the above.

If you have any query about the above don't hesitate to contact the Children's Officer or the relevant coach of your son or daughter's team.

Signed: _____