



# DOWNPATRICK FOOTBALL CLUB



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## **CODE OF CONDUCT FOR CHILDREN/YOUNG PLAYERS**

Children/young players are expected to:

- Keep within the defined boundary of the playing/coaching area
- Behave and listen to all instructions from the manager/coach
- Take care of equipment owned by the Club
- Refrain from the use of bad language or racial/sectarian references
- Refrain from bullying or persistent use of rough and dangerous play
- Show respect to other players, coaches and parents/guardians
- Refrain from taking any alcohol until the correct legal age.
- Refrain from taking any drugs other than those prescribed by their doctor.
- Report abuse/inappropriate behaviour
- Play fairly
- Respect officials and accept decisions
- Be gracious in defeat
- Respect opponents and not cheat
- Not use violence
- Refrain from sulking

Children/young people have the right to:

- Be safe and listened to
- Be respected
- Privacy
- Enjoy football in a protective environment
- Be referred to professional help if needed
- Be protected from inappropriate behaviour/abuse by other club members
- Participate on an equal basis, appropriate to their ability
- Experience competition and the desire to win
- Be believed when asking for help.

