



## Coach/Mentor Code of Conduct :

We recognise our club Coaches/Mentors are critical to the establishment of good practices in football & we value their contribution greatly. Their attitude to the game directly informs & influences the attitude of the players under their supervision. This code of conduct has been drafted & agreed by the Club Executive & Football Committee of Bearn na Forbacha Aontaithe to set out an agreed standard and expectation of behaviour of all coaches/mentors involved in training players at all levels at our club. It has been drafted in reference to the FAI Club Management Guide (3<sup>rd</sup> Edition), Sports Ireland Governance Code for Sport (2021), in consultation with club coaches & good practice standards in sport. This document is subject to annual review and may be updated at intervals between each review in accordance with revisions in safeguarding legislation and best practice guidance.

### **As a coach with Bearn na Forbacha, we require you to :**

- Comply with the club recruitment, vetting & child safeguarding policy and procedures.
- Develop an appropriate working relationship with each player based on mutual respect for the rights, dignity and worth of all people involved in the game, regardless of their gender, ability or cultural background.
- Promote a positive approach to the game e.g. fair play, honest endeavour and genuine teamwork.
- Remember that players/athletes participate for enjoyment and winning is only part of the fun.
- Give all players/athletes equal attention and opportunities, and ensure they have a positive experience.
- Clarify with the players (and where the players are under the age of 18, their parents) exactly what is expected of them and also what they are entitled to expect from the Mentor.
- Display & promote high standards of behaviour, respect and professionalism to all involved with the sport including opponents, referees, coaches, officials, administrators, the media, parents and spectators.
- Have particular regard for the code when working with young players in the game.
- Guide players to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance.
- Operate within the rules and spirit of the game and teach players/athletes to do the same.
- Be conversant with the laws of the game and the rules of any competition in which a team under your stewardship is participating.
- Demonstrate due respect towards match officials.
- Ensure that the activities and strategies directed/advocated by you are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of players involved.
- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of all players/athletes.
- Not exert undue influence to obtain personal benefit or reward.
- Follow the advice of a physician when determining whether an injured player/athlete is ready to recommence training or competition.
- Obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of young players/athletes.
- Bring to the attention of the Club Executive any behaviour or decision which you believe to be unsporting.
- Co-operate with specialists within the game e.g. other coaches, officials, sport scientists, doctors, and physiotherapists, etc. in the best interest of players.
- Promote adherence to club health & safety policies & practices including but not limited to prevailing Covid 19 mitigation measures & anti doping policies.
- To ensure that all players are both fully registered with our club and the Galway and District League before participation in any club training activity or playing in club games.
- Ensure that all required match day paperwork/team sheets are correctly completed.
- Assist the facilities group when required with pitch set up and take down for both home games and training.
- Ensure that all players are fully kitted out in correct club gear prior to all club games.
- Comply with all club policies including but not limited to those pertaining to club social media, travel away & complaints policies.

***I agree to follow the above Code of conduct & recognise that if I fail to do so action may be taken by my club, league or national association.***

Coach/Club Official: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_