



## CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

### GUIDELINES FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Parents/guardians have the primary responsibility for the care and welfare of their children within sport. Parents/guardians should encourage their children to participate in sport for fun and enjoyment and should ensure that their child's experience of sport is a positive one. Lessons learned in children's sport will shape values and attitudes in adult life. They should always remember that children play sport for their own enjoyment not that of the parents/guardians. Parents/guardians have a duty to ensure that the context in which their child is participating is appropriate.

Parents/guardians and Sports Leaders will ideally work in partnership to promote good practice in children's sport and to support all efforts to protect against neglect, emotional, physical or sexual abuse in sporting activities. To do so, parents/guardians should ensure that sports clubs treat their children with fairness, respect and understanding, and that the club is fulfilling its responsibility to safeguard children. They should encourage their children to tell them about anyone causing them harm. They should become aware of club procedures and policies, in particular where changes are made that effect them or their children, and be informed of all matters relating to ethics and good practice. They should check that the *Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Children's Sport* has been adopted and implemented in the club/organisation.

Parents/guardians should remember that children learn best by example. To assist in the promotion of good practice with the club or organisation they should follow what is listed below

#### Parents should:

- Complete and return the Health and Consent Form pertaining to their child's participation with Abbeyfeale United F.C
- Deliver and collect the child punctually to and from coaching sessions / classes
- Ensure their child is properly and adequately attired for the weather conditions of the time, including shorts, shirt, socks, tracksuit, sweat-tops, hat, gloves etc.
- Ensure that proper footwear and protective equipment are worn at **ALL** times in accordance with Health and Safety Regulations. Any child not in possession of the fundamental requirements will not be permitted to participate.
- Detail any health concerns pertaining to the child on the consent form, in particular breathing or chest conditions. Any changes in the state of the child's health should be reported to the coach prior to coaching sessions.
- To inform the coach prior to departure from the field of play if child is to be collected early from a coaching session.
- Encourage their child to play by the rules and teach them that they can only do their best i.e. focus on effort rather than performance.
- Behave responsibly on the sidelines.
- Show appreciation and support the coach.
- Ensure their child is punctual.
- Be realistic.
- Provide their child with proper clothing and equipment.
- Ensure their child's hygiene and nutritional needs are met.
- Respect the match officials.
- Accept the official's judgement.
- Promote their child's participation in playing sport for fun.
- Not ignore or dismiss complaints expressed by a child.
- Not treat the club as a minding service.
- Be encouraged to become members of the club, where feasible, and take an active interest in the running of the club or any sporting activities in which their children take part.

- Be willing to become the Club Children's Officer or assist in the running of the club

**Parents/Guardians have the right to:**

- Know their child is safe.
- Be informed of problems or concerns relating to their children.
- Be informed if their child is injured.
- Complain if they have concerns about the standard of coaching.

Any misdemeanours and breach of this Code of Conduct will be dealt with immediately by a club official. Persistent concerns or breaches will result in the parent/guardian being asked not to attend if their attendance is detrimental to the child's welfare.

The ultimate action should a parent/guardian continue to breach the code of behaviour may mean the Club officials regrettably asking the child to leave the club.