



# COONAGH UNITED AFC

## CODE OF BEST PRACTICE FOR PLAYERS

*As players are constantly in the glare of public attention and are widely recognised as the most important people in the sport, there is a considerable onus upon them to speak and act in a manner which promotes all that is good about the game and about Coonagh United.*

1. A Player must make every honest effort to develop their sporting ability, to include fitness, skill, technique and tactical ability.
2. A Player must strive to set a positive example for younger players and supporters.
3. A Player should safeguard the physical fitness of opponents, avoid violence and rough play, and where possible help injured opponents.
4. A Player must give maximum effort and strive for the best possible performance during each game.
5. A Player must avoid all forms of gamesmanship, and time wasting.
6. A Player must refrain from using inappropriate language particularly to referees/officials and other players during games.
7. A Player must make every effort consistent with fair play and the laws of the game to help their own team win.
8. A Player must resist any influence which might, or might be seen to, bring into question their commitment to the team winning.
9. A Player should know and abide by the laws, rules of the game and of any given competition, both in fact and in spirit.
10. A Player should accept victory and defeat with equanimity.
11. A player must resist any temptation to consume or otherwise imbibe any banned substances.
12. A Player must treat opponents with respect at all times, irrespective of the outcome of any game.
13. A Player must demonstrate due respect towards match officials.
14. A Player must accept the decisions of the match officials without protest.
15. A Player must avoid words or actions which may mislead a match official.
16. A Player must abide by the lawful instructions and directions of mentors and team officials.
17. A Player must act towards the mentors and officials of the opposing side in a respectful manner.
18. A Player must demonstrate due regard for the interest of supporters.
19. A Player must not act or speak so as to incite or encourage supporters to act in a manner that may endanger the safety of anyone attending or participating in the game.
20. A Player should not either directly or indirectly place a bet on the outcome of any game in which he is involved.
21. A Player must always have regard to the best interests of the game when publicly expressing an opinion on the game or on others involved in the game.
22. In making public comments on a particular fixture or on the game in general a Player must be mindful of upholding and promoting the good name of the game and others involved in it in the wider community.
23. A Player must be Punctual for all Club/Team events and communicate with staff if you cannot attend or will be late.
24. A Player should remember that the goals of the club are to have fun and respect all at all times.
25. Players should remember to assist the volunteer staff, including Coaches/Managers, etc., by assisting with setting-up and collecting training gear, setting-up and cleaning/tidying up after matches etc., etc.
26. A player should respect the Club Facilities by ensuring no damage is caused to the facility and the facility is left as we expect to find it and to collect all litter and put it in the bins provided.