



Termonfeckin Celtic FC Club Welfare Guidelines

WELFARE STATEMENT

Termonfeckin Celtic FC is committed to the development of their players in a friendly, safe and respectful environment. Coaches, players, parents and officers of the club are committed to ensuring the wellbeing and welfare of all players participating in the club.

This document introduces the framework within which Termonfeckin Celtic FC operates and outlines all our responsibilities in pursuit of this goal.

Codes of conduct for specific groups within Termonfeckin Celtic FC are contained in the following pages.

If you have any queries or concerns relating to this policy or codes therein, please contact the Club Child Welfare Officer, Claire Duffy on 087 2255064



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Players Code of Conduct

- play fairly, do their best and have fun
- be on their best behaviour at all times
- abide by all club rules
- make high standards of Fair Play the standard others want to follow
- respect opponents, they are not the enemy, they are partners in a sporting event
- shake hands before and after the match, whoever wins
- give opponents a hand if they are injured, put the ball out of play so they can get attention
- accept apologies from opponents when they are offered
- respect fellow team members and support them both when they do well and when things go wrong
- treat players from minority groups with the same respect you show other people
- be modest in victory and be gracious in defeat- ***“Be A Sport”***
- approach the club Children’s Officer with any questions or concerns they might have. Coaches and parents should encourage children to speak out and support them in doing so



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Coaches Code of Conduct

*Promoting “**Sport for Fun**” and develop skills in a safe and **Fair Play** environment where standards of behaviour are just as important as winning:*

- Encouraging participation and fun
- Promoting the development of skills as opposed to winning at all costs
- Ensure a minimum playing time of 15 minutes per match per player (time may vary according to League Rules)
- Emphasising and praising effort
- Acting as a good role model
- Insisting on **Fair Play** (we will take off offending players)
- Being realistic with our expectations
- Being aware of children’s feelings
- Teaching players to respect different cultures
- Teaching players that standards of behaviour are just as important as winning



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Parents/Guardians Code of Conduct

- Remember, young people play soccer for their enjoyment, not only yours.
- Encourage your child always to play by the laws of the game.
- Teach young children that honest endeavour is as important as winning, so that the result of each game is accepted without disappointment.
- Help young people to work towards skill improvement and good sportsmanship.
- Set a good example by applauding good play on both sides.
- Never ridicule, humiliate or shout at young players for making a mistake or losing a match.
- Do not place emphasis on winning at all costs.
- Do not force an unwilling child to participate in the playing of football. If the child is to play, he/she will do so in good time through your encouragement.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse in football.
- As a spectator do not use profane language or harass referees, coaches or players.
- Do not publicly question the referee's judgement and never their honesty.
- Recognise the value and importance of volunteer referees and coaches.
- Identify and acknowledge the good qualities of the game of football and uphold these values.
- Remember you and your child's contribution to the game of football is very important to Termonfeckin Celtic and the FAI, so be proud of your contribution.
- Understand the value of team sport and its importance.



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Spectators Code of Conduct

- Remember that although children play organised soccer, they are not miniature professionals. Don't place excessive pressure on children to perform to unrealistically high expectations. Children play soccer to develop their skills, to have fun and enjoy the game.
- Be on your best behaviour and lead by example. The behaviour of a team's supporters will often be remembered long after the result of the game. Be remembered for the right reasons.
- Applaud good play, sportsmanship and best effort by the visiting team as well as your own.
- Welcome and respect all your team's opponents. Without them there would be no match.
- Condemn the use of violence in all forms at every opportunity.
- Verbal abuse of players, match officials or opposing supporters cannot be accepted in any shape or form. Players or match officials should never be regarded as fair targets for ignorant or abusive behaviour.