



ASHBOURNE UTD FC CODE OF CONDUCT For players/parents/coaches

What is a Code of Conduct?

This code of conduct is basically a set of standards describing the behaviour we expect of our club members.

Why do we have one?

As a football club we are governed by the relevant laws, regulations and standards of the leagues we are affiliated to, the FAI, Uefa and Fifa. The Executive feel it is important for all our members to understand exactly what we stand for and how they can expect us to conduct ourselves.

The code is for all members and has specific areas for players, parents and coaches but within this handbook all three are presented so that each can see what is expected of the other also.

Please sign the relevant section on the back page and return to your team representative.

You can find the FAI's code of ethics and child welfare policy on:
www.fai.ie/domestic/safeguarding/documents

PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT

As a member of the club I hereby agree that I will:

- Abide by the rules of Ashbourne Utd FC
- Abide to all rules related to team selection set out by the head coach/team manager/team coach
- Act in a sportsmanlike manner, consistent with the spirit of the club
- Will strive to maintain a level of performance and readiness consistent with the clubs ethos
- Will behave in the appropriate manner both on and off the field while representing the club both locally and elsewhere (*which includes the use of foul and abusive language*)
- On matchdays wear the regulation club kit as supplied by the club and have commitment to the club and pride in my performance
- As an adult/older age player, endeavour to act as a good role model for the younger members of the club so as to maintain a high standard of behaviour at training/games

All above is superceded by the Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Children's Sport as directed by The Irish Sports Council and supported by the FAI

NB: Please sign the *player* section at the back of this handbook

PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT

As a member of the club I hereby agree that I will:

- Encourage my child to behave in the appropriate manner while representing the club
- Ensure that your son/daughter arrives on time for training and matches and that safe arrangements are in place for getting your son/daughter home afterwards.
- Encourage my child to lead a healthy lifestyle - to help rather than hinder their performance
- Assist coaches to fulfil my child's potential
- On matchdays, ensure my child wears the regulation club kit as supplied by the club
- Allow game instructions to come from the coach/manager
Children can often become confused when many people are giving them instruction (even their parent/guardian)
- Try to encourage every player as they are all part of a team
- Be aware the club is about my child's development and not just winning games - *all divisions, up to and including U11, are non competitive as per league rule - (ndsl.ie/rules,content)*
- Will behave in the appropriate manner as a spectator while my child is representing the club both locally and elsewhere
(which includes the use of foul and abusive language)
- Have realistic goals for my child

COACH/MANAGER CODE OF CONDUCT

As a member of the club I hereby agree that I will:

- Create a positive, player and team centred learning environment
- Ensure that all players are aware that all forms of bullying will not be tolerated.
- Ensure professional standards are attained and maintained on and off the pitch
- Apply best practice when working with children (Child Protection Guidelines)
- Strive to improve each individual within the team structure
- Promote player development, over winning at all costs, when working with young players (U8 - U11)
- Ensure all players wear the regulation club kit as supplied by the club
- Strive to follow the guidelines laid down by the NDSL regarding player game time in non-competitive leagues (*up to and including Under 11 - ndsl.ie/rules,content*)

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