



We at Dunboyne AFC place a great emphasis on providing a safe and secure environment for all our members, and we want your child to enjoy the experience. We encourage in every child a mutual respect for team mates and opponents. No matter what level of the game your child is involved, it should take place in the spirit of RESPECT and FAIR PLAY.

The good name of Dunboyne AFC Soccer Club in the community is based not just on its success on the pitch, but also to the attention we have always given to the development of excellent standards of behaviour and sportsmanship among our players, managers, coaches and committee members. To maintain our standards of respect and fair play, we encourage all parents/guardians to abide by our Code of Conduct. Your support and cooperation with this code of conduct will benefit all our members and especially your child. Please read and sign below.

- Young people are involved in soccer for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Applaud effort and good play as well as success.
- Encourage your child to always play by the rules of the game.
- Teach your child that honest endeavour is as important as winning so the result of each game is accepted without disappointment. Do not place emphasis on 'winning at all costs'.
- 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. Mistakes are an important part of learning.
- As a spectator, refrain from unsportsmanlike behaviour and encourage children to refrain from the same, e.g. booing, taunting, refusing to shake hands, using bad language, etc.
- Encourage the players to respect the opposition, referees and match officials.
- Please respect the role of the appointed team managers/coaches – remember that they are volunteers who give their time to the benefit of your child. Allow the manager/coach to do their job. Parents should not tell players what to do regarding tactics, roles, etc., as it can confuse the player.
- Always respect the match official's decisions. Do not publicly question the referee.
- Remain outside the field of play and within the Designated Spectators Area (if provided).
- Ensure your child has safe transport to and from training and matches.
- Parents should not enter the dressing room before, during or after the game.
- Parents should not approach the manager before, during or after the match to discuss their child's position within the team. If you have any concerns regarding your child in relation to training, match selection, etc., please contact the manager to make an appointment to discuss these concerns.

Disciplinary action will occur should any parent/guardian break this code of conduct which may result in the parent/guardian being asked to remove their child from playing with the club.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

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Thanks in advance for abiding by these rules.

Fran Tyrrell, Honorary Secretary.

PLAYERS RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Children in soccer are entitled to:

- Be safe.
- Be treated with dignity, sensitivity and respect.
- Participate in football on an equal basis, appropriate to their ability and stage of development.
- Be happy, have fun and enjoy football.
- Make a complaint in an appropriate way and have it dealt with through a proper and effective complaints procedure.
- Be afforded appropriate confidentiality.
- Be listened to and to be believed.

Children should also be encouraged to realise that they also have responsibilities to treat other children, referees, fellow players, coaches and volunteers with the same degree of fairness and respect.

In this regard, players when registering with Dunboyne AFC undertake to:

- Play fairly, do their best and have fun.
- Make high standards of Fair Play the standards others want to replicate.
- Respect opponents. They are not the enemy; they are partners in a sporting event.
- Shake hands before and after the match, whatever the outcome.
- 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 as you would show anyone else.
- Be modest in victory and gracious in defeat.
- Approach one of the club Child Protection Officers with any questions or concerns you might have. Coaches and parents should encourage children to speak out and support them in doing so.
- Use physical contact only when it is allowed within the rules.

Children should not:

- Engage in or encourage disruptive behaviour during training sessions or matches.
- Cheat.
- Use abusive language, or argue with, the referee, officials, team mates or opponents.
- Use or threaten violence.
- Bully another child/person.
- Tell lies about other children or adults.
- Spread rumours.

PLAYER'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

If you have any concerns or queries, please contact either of our club's Child Protection Officers.

John Carr @ 087 2328348

Joe Ree @ 086 2441263

Or you can contact myself, Fran Tyrrell @ 087 2927568 or frantyrrell@dunboyneafc.com

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