

- Players should always inform team management in advance if unable to attend training or matches.
- Players should arrive on time for training and matches.
- Treat fellow players, mentors, club officers, referees, and match officials with respect.
- Players should prepare properly for games - abuse of alcohol or late nights etc is not acceptable.
- Do not use foul or abusive language.
- Avoid verbal exchanges with referees or opposing mentors / players
- Always promote the club in a positive way.
- Treat club property with respect.
- Be a role model for peers and underage players in the club by getting involved in other club activities such as club meetings, fund raising etc
- Always encourage and support players, coaches, and officials
- Behave responsibly on the sideline.
- Do not coach or officiate from the Stands.

Part 2 Child Protection

Sport provides an excellent opportunity for children to learn new skills, become more confident and maximize their own unique potential. These benefits will increase through a positive and progressive approach to the involvement of children in sport that places the needs of the child first and winning and competition second. Winning and losing are an important part of sport but they must be kept in a healthy perspective. Adults must contribute to the creation of a positive sporting environment for young people.

Children should be encouraged to win in an open and fair way. Behaviour which constitutes cheating in any form should be discouraged. The trust implicit in adult-child relationships in sport places a duty of care on all adults, voluntary or professional, to safeguard the health, safety, and welfare of the child, while engaged in their sporting activity.

General practice

All coaches and team mentors working with underage teams (teams under 17) must undertake a child protection course, and also be Garda vetted. While not exhaustive, the following guidelines should be followed in so far as is possible and practicable

- Plan and manage child activities, thus creating an organized and healthy environment which will minimize opportunities for children to suffer harm.
- Avoid taking coaching sessions on your own and avoid spending excessive amounts of time with children away from others.
- Avoid taking children to your home or taking children on journeys alone in your car.
- Players should be discouraged from using shower facilities.