



KILCOCK CELTIC FOOTBALL CLUB

Code of Conduct for Parents (Carers) / Spectators

KILCOCK CELTIC F.C. recognises that Parents / Spectators have a great influence on children's enjoyment and success in football. All children play football because they first and foremost love the game - **it's FUN**. It is important to remember that however good a child becomes at football within our club it is important to reinforce to all parents / spectators that positive encouragement will contribute to:

- 1. Children enjoying football and sport in general.**
- 2. A sense of personal achievement.**
- 3. Self-esteem.**
- 4. Improving the child's skills and techniques.**

A parent's / spectator's expectations and attitudes have a significant bearing on a child's attitude towards:

- 1. Other players.**
- 2. Officials (Referees, Linesmen, Inspectors).**
- 3. Managers / Coaches.**
- 4. Spectators.**

We expect that all parents / spectators within our club are always positive and encouraging towards all of the children not just their own.

- 1. We will encourage parents / spectators to be a positive influence**
- 2. Applaud the opposition as well as your own team.**
- 3. Avoid coaching the child during the game (this is reserved for Sports Commentators).**
- 4. Not to shout and scream (Stay calm).**
- 5. Respect the Referee's decision (You view or opinion may not always be correct).**
- 6. Give attention to each of the children involved in football not just the most talented.**
- 7. Give encouragement to everyone to participate in football and sport.**

We would also like to ensure that parents / spectators within our club agree and adhere to our club's Code of Conduct and Child Protection Policies. Copies of which can be obtained from the Club or the Kildare District Schools League.

Parents please ensure the players come to training and games with proper clothing and equipment. (**towels, drinks/sun cream/hats**, if the weather is hot)

Suitable **boots** and **shin guards** must be worn at all sessions. This is compulsory.

Leave expensive jewellery, clothing and personal items at home.

Camera mobile phones are **not** allowed in dressing rooms or changing areas.

When dropping off a player(s), please ensure that your child's coach/manager is present and is conducting training on that day/evening.

Contact your child's coach if you need to query training times or if you need any other information. They will be happy to help.

Play your part

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game

- Remember that children play for **FUN**
- Applaud effort and good play as well as success
- Always respect the match officials' decisions
- Remain outside the field of play and within the Designated Spectators' Area (where provided)
- Let the coach do their job and not confuse the players by telling them what to do
- Encourage the players to respect the opposition, referee and match officials
- Avoid criticising a player for making a mistake – mistakes are part of learning
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting, or abusive language or behaviour.

Parents (Carers)/ Spectators are subject to the FAI, League and Club rules

Action may be taken by my Club, FAI, League(s) or Match officials

- * The match Official(s) may order spectators from the ground
- * Issued with a verbal warning from a club or league official
- * Required to meet with the Club, League or County FAI Welfare Officer
- * Required to meet with the Club committee
- * Obligated to undertake an FAI education course
- * Obligated to leave the match venue by the Club (Coach or Committee member)
- * Requested by the Club not to attend future games
- * Suspended or have my Club membership removed
- * Required to leave the Club along with any dependents.

In addition:

- * The FAI/KDUL could impose a fine and/or suspension on the club.



General Guidelines

1. Do not force your child to participate in football against his/her wish.
2. Remember that children participate to have **fun** and that the game is for youth, not adults.
3. Inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of your child or the safety of others.
4. Learn the rules of the game and the policies of the Club and the League.
5. Be a positive role model for your child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game and practice.
6. Do not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.
7. Do not encourage any behaviour or practice that would endanger the health and well-being of the players or coach.
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9. Teach your child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
10. Insist that your child treats other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, colour, sex or ability.
11. Impress upon your child that doing one's best is more important than winning
12. Never ridicule or yell at your child or other players/officials for making a mistake.
13. Emphasise skill development and practice over winning. De-emphasise games and competition in the lower age groups (U-6 to U-12).
14. Respect the officials and their authority during games and never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field. Instead, take time to speak civilly with coaches at an agreed time and place afterwards.
15. Demand a sports environment for your child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and refrain from their use at all sports events.
16. Don't coach your child or other players during games and practices, unless you are one of the official coaches of the team.
17. Parents "car sharing" should ensure that at least two adults are in each car.
18. Parents should ensure that their children are aware of the Players Code of Conduct and that they abide by it

