

Greenisland FC - Code of Conduct for Parents

Many academic studies have shown that children play football because they have fun, they enjoy playing matches, being with their friends and improving their skills. Learning to compete is important, but winning is not the most important thing for children. As adults, coaches and parents, we must at bear this in mind, allowing children to enjoy youth sport and develop in their own way.

Greenisland FC is recognised as a club who provide opportunities for young players to develop holistically on and off the pitch, developing the player and the person, at what ever level they play. Many of Greenisland's former players have gained Representative Honours at Schoolboy Level, have been signed on Scholarships by English Professional Clubs or even gone on to make a Full-Time Career out of football. Lots of Greenisland players play for NI based Semi-Professional / Professional Clubs. For those who do not reach professional ranks, we strive to encourage a long term involvement in the game at an amateur level at Greenisland FC or other local clubs.

For all players, Greenisland FC aim provide bespoke curriculum and training methods, based on the latest sports science as used by many professional set-ups. We believe our Youth Phase to be second to none in the country in terms of developing players. However whilst it is important for players to learn to compete and for teams to be competitive, winning trophies at should not be the primary driver for our Club. Playing for the best "all conquering u10 team" for example in 2021/22 season is quickly forgotten and frankly irrelevant in the long term.

As a Parent / Guardian at Greenisland I agree to make my child's experience more enjoyable by following these following guidelines:

- ❖ Encourage rather than Criticise - your child and other children.
- ❖ Respect the Opposition and Match Officials.
- ❖ Recognise designated spectator areas and do not engage in insulting or bad language.
- ❖ Coaches give up their time freely for the benefit of all members of the team, please respect Coaches and the decisions they make.

I understand any misdemeanours or breach of this code will be dealt with immediately and reported verbally and in writing to the Child Welfare Officer & Head Coach.

Persistent or serious breaches of the code will result in dismissal from the club/centre.