



# Dromara Village Football Club

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## Code of Conduct for our Young Players

### **When playing football for and representing Dromara Village I will:**

- 1) Always play to the best of my ability.
- 2) Play fairly – I won't cheat, complain or waste time.
- 3) Respect my team-mates, my coaches, the other the other team, their coaches and the referee.
- 4) Play by the rules as directed by the referee.
- 5) Shake hands with the other team and referee at the end of the game.
- 6) Listen and respond to what my coach tells me.
- 7) Come to training regularly, fully equipped, ready to learn and with a good attitude.
- 8) Talk to someone I trust if I'm unhappy about something at my club.

### **Failure to follow the Code of Conduct will result in the following. I may be :**

- 1) Be required to apologise to my team-mates, the other team, referee or team manager.
- 2) Receive a formal warning from the coach or club Youth Committee.
- 3) Be dropped from the team or substituted.
- 4) Be suspended from training.
- 5) Be required to leave the club.



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## Our Coaches Code of Conduct

**When coaching and representing Dromara Village I will:**

- 1) Place the well-being, safety and enjoyment of all children above everything, including winning.
- 2) Explain exactly what I expect from the players and what they can expect from me.
- 3) Never engage in or tolerate any sort of bullying.
- 4) Respect every player, encourage them to improve and attempt to build their confidence and self-esteem.
- 5) Encourage each player to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance.
- 6) Ensure all the activities I organise are suitable for the players.
- 7) Promote Fair Play and high standards of behaviour.
- 8) Adhere to the laws and spirit of the game.
- 9) Never engage in or tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language and behaviour.
- 10) Respect match officials and opponents never engage in public criticism of them.

**Failure to follow the code may result in the following. I may be :**

- 1) Required to meet with the club's committee.
- 2) Monitored by another club coach.
- 3) Suspended from attending a match or matches.
- 4) Required to leave the club along with any dependants.



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## Our Parents/Carers/Spectator Code of Conduct

### **As a parent/carers/spectator at Dromara Village I will:**

- 1) Remember that the children are playing for fun and enjoyment.
- 2) Applaud effort and good play as well as success.
- 3) Remain outside of the field of play or in a spectator's area if provided.
- 4) Let the coaches do their job and not confuse the children by giving instructions. Please avoid giving instructions during matches and coaching sessions.
- 5) Encourage the children to respect the opposition, referee and any other officials.
- 6) Avoid criticising a player for making a mistake – mistakes are an important part of learning.
- 7) Never engage in or tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour.

### **Social Media**

- 1) The DVFC Academy Facebook page is used to communicate information to its followers and to promote the good work of the club and its players, coaches and officials. Negative comments or questions of coaches etc will not be tolerated.
- 2) WhatsApp groups created by coaches are again to communicate match information to parents/carers only. Conversations about coaching, matches, team selections are not permitted.

**Parents/Carers are reminded that coaches and officers of the club are volunteers who give their time freely to create an atmosphere where kids are encouraged to be the best players that they can be.**

### **Failure to follow the code will result in the following. I may be:**

- 1) Issued with a verbal warning from the team coach or match official.
- 2) Obligated by the coach or match official to leave the match venue for the remainder of the game.
- 3) Requested to meet the club's committee to discuss the above.
- 4) Requested by the club not to attend future games.
- 5) Required to leave the club along with any dependants.