

Claregalway Basketball Club Code of Conduct

Code of Conduct for Members

Members are expected to:

- be friendly and particularly welcoming to new members.
- be supportive and committed to other team members.
- not get involved in inappropriate peer pressure.
- keep within the defined boundary of the playing/coaching area.
- behave and listen to all instructions from the coach, play within the rules and respect the official and their decisions.
- take care of equipment owned by the club.
- respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of age, gender, ability, race, cultural background or religious beliefs or sexual identity.
- refrain from the use of bad language or racial/sectarian references. This includes bullying using technologies like social media or texting.
- refrain from bullying or persistent use of rough and dangerous play.
- keep to agreed timings for training and competitions or inform their coach or team manager if they are going to be late.
- wear suitable kit for training and match sessions, as agreed with the coach/team manager.
- pay any fees for training or events promptly.
- refrain from smoking/vaping on club premises or whilst representing the club at competitions.
- refrain from consuming alcohol or drugs on the club premises or whilst representing the club.
- show respect to other members/leaders and show team spirit.
- keep themselves safe.
- report inappropriate behaviour or risky situations for youth members.
- play fairly and be trustworthy.
- respect officials and accept decisions.
- show appropriate loyalty and be gracious in defeat.
- challenge or report the bullying of your peers.
- respect opponents.
- refrain from cheating or using violence.

Members and particularly children/young people have the right to:

- be safe and happy in their chosen activity.
- be listened to.
- be respected and treated fairly.
- privacy.
- enjoy sport in a protective environment.
- be referred to professional help if needed.
- be protected from abuse by other member or outside sources.
- participate on an equal basis, appropriate to their ability.
- experience competition and the desire to win.
- be believed.
- ask for help.

Any misdemeanours and general misbehaviour will be addressed by the immediate coach and reported verbally to the designated person. Persistent misbehaviour will result in dismissal from the club/sport. Parents will be informed at all stages.

Dismissals can be appealed by the coach/volunteer with final decisions taken by the club committee or referred to the governing body depending on the disciplinary procedures within the sport.

Code of Conduct for Coaches

Coaches are expected to:

- act as role models.
- encourage and be positive during sessions so that players leave with a sense of achievement.
- set challenging, realistic but achievable goals.
- plan and prepare each session appropriately and ensure proper levels of supervision.
- ensure that all activities are inclusive and allow all players to participate in an enjoyable way.
- put the welfare and enjoyment of players first and strike a balance between this and winning or achieving results.
- enforce the principles of fair play treating each player equally, with dignity and respect and ensure that all players play within the rules.
- actively discourage players from abusing referees, officials, team mates or opponents (take off offending players).
- refrain from the use of bad language.
- be aware of the developmental stages and needs of players.
- avoid over training and over emphasis on competition.
- involve parents/guardians and other club members in what we do.
- be qualified and up to date with the latest coaching knowledge and skills.

Code of Conduct for Parents

Parents/guardians are expected to:

- positively reinforce their child/young person and show an interest in their chosen activity. Support the child's involvement and help them to enjoy their sport.
- refrain from putting their child under pressure or pushing them into activities they do not want to do.
- deliver and collect the child punctually to and from coaching sessions/matches.
- ensure that proper footwear and clothing are worn.
- detail any health concerns pertaining to the child on registration and in addition to the coach if you have concerns in advance of a particular session. Any changes in the state of the child's health should be reported to the coach prior to coaching sessions.
- inform the coach prior to departure from the field of play if child is to be collected early from a coaching session.
- encourage their child to play by the rules and teach them that they can only do their best. Help the child to recognise good performance, not just results.
- set a good example by recognising fair play and applauding good performances of all.
- behave responsibly on the side-lines; do not embarrass your child.
- never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes.
- use correct and proper language at all times.
- encourage and guide your child to accept responsibility for their own performance and behaviour.
- ensure their child is punctual.
- be realistic and supportive.
- ensure their child's hygiene and nutritional needs are met.
- accept the official's judgement.
- show appreciation and support for the coach and acknowledge the importance and role of the club coaches who provide their time free to ensure children's participation in the club.
- promote their child's participation in playing sport for fun.

Parents/Guardians have the right to:

- know their child is safe.
- be informed of problems or concerns relating to their children.
- be informed if their child is injured.
- have their consent sought for issues such as trips.
- contribute to decisions within the club.
- complain if they have concerns about the standard of coaching.