



Players and Parents Code of Conduct

Castleisland AFC is a voluntary community based club. The aim of the Club is to develop the soccer skills of all players in a friendly and safe environment

Castleisland AFC, in accordance FAI guidelines, has implemented a Code of Conduct. We will not tolerate or accept misbehaviour or any actions, which would damage the good reputation of our club and the sporting progress of club player. All players and parents are expected to abide by the Club Code of Conduct. Failure to do so may result in the temporary/permanent removal of the individual from the Club.

Player Code of Conduct

- > Play by the rules.
- > Accept the referee's decision and let your coach ask any relevant questions after the game
- > Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials, coaches or other players, are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in soccer or in our Club.
- > Always do your best and be committed to the game and your team. Remember you are representing your Club
- > Be a good sport; applaud all good play whether by your team or the opposition.
- > Respect your team mate/opponent. Treat all players as you would like to be treated.
- > Co-operate with your coach, team-mates and opponents. Without them there would be no game.
- > Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- > Winning and losing is part of the game. Shake hands with your opponents and thank the referee after the game.
- > Swearing, cursing or use of bad language is not acceptable.

Parent Code of Conduct

- > Encourage children to participate, do not force them.
- > Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
- > Encourage children always to play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility.
- > Never ridicule or shout at a child for making a mistake or losing a game.
- > Remember that children learn best by example. Appreciate good performances and skilful plays by all participants.
- > Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from all soccer activities.
- > Respect the decisions of officials and teach children to do likewise.
- > Respect the role of the appointed team manager and coaches and do not enter dressing rooms before or after games
- > Refrain from instructing players on what to do, as tactics, roles etc. have been decided in the dressing room or on the training pitch and can be disrupted by conflicting instructions no matter how well intended. Do not put pressure on managers to make changes, substitutions etc.
- > Be prepared to be asked to leave by officials or club personnel if behaviour is contrary to the definition of FAIR PLAY.
- > Refrain from approaching coaches during training sessions or matches with complaints or concerns. Any concerns should be discussed with coaches after training/matches and when no children are close by. Complaints should be submitted in writing with a detailed explanation and background to Child Safety Officer,
- > Do not argue with, or shout abuse at coaches. These individuals are volunteers giving up their free time so that children can enjoy the game of soccer. Remember they are doing the best they can and they need support not anger.
- > Understand that threatening or abusive behaviour will not be tolerated **under any circumstances**. Parents are entitled to raise concerns and submit complaints, providing they are reasonable and this is done in an appropriate manner. Any behaviour which is deemed inappropriate or threatening, in gesture or manner or physical contact, may result in expulsion of parent and player after due consideration and notice by the Chairman and Committee. Physical threats or action will result in immediate expulsion of parent and/or child without notice