



## Code of Conduct for Players

Welcome to Dunshaughlin Rockets Basketball Club. We wish to provide the best possible experience for all young people involved in the sport. Young players deserve to be given safe, enjoyable sporting opportunities, free of abuse of any kind. These players have rights, which must be respected, and responsibilities which that they must accept. Players in Rockets Basketball Club must always treat sports coaches and leaders and other participants with fairness and respect. Players must abide by BI Code of Ethics for Children in Sport.

### Young players have the right to:

- Be safe and to feel safe
- Be treated with dignity and respect
- Be happy, have fun and enjoy sport
- Experience competition and the desire to win
- To get help against bullies
- To say No, be listened to and believed
- To protect their own bodies
- To refuse inappropriate touches
- Make complaints and have them dealt with
- Confidentiality
- Approach/get advice from the Club's Child Protection Officer in confidence – as a first point of contact where unable to speak to the coach

### Young players should always:

- Know the Child Protection Officers and Designated Persons in Dunshaughlin Rockets Basketball Club
- Treat all coaches, managers, selectors, club and tournament organisers and officials with respect
- Abide by the rules set down by Coaches when travelling to away events
- Behave in a manner that avoids bringing the game of Basketball into disrepute
- Play fairly at all times, do their best
- Respect team members, even when things go wrong
- Respect opponents, Be gracious in defeat
- Take care of equipment owned by the Club
- Members should keep to agreed timings for training and competitions or inform their coach or team manager if they are going to be late.
- Attend home club matches where possible. Players may learn by watching/supporting other team members.
- Talk to the club Child Protection Officer or other designated person if they have any problems.
- Be careful to use technology e.g. phones, tablets & cameras only in an appropriate manner at club events.
- Be aware that players and their parents must consent to their image being used in accordance with Club Policy.
- Make your club a fun place to be. Always be positive and enjoy your basketball.



### **Young players should never:**

- Use unfair or bullying tactics to gain advantage on or off the court
- Pass on gossip or spread rumours about another player or adult
- Make false allegations against other players or adults
- Use violence or physical contact that is not allowed within the rules
- Cheat or be violent or aggressive.
- Shout or argue with officials, coaches, teammates or opponents
- Harm team members, opponents or their property
- Bully or use bullying tactics to isolate another player
- Take banned substances
- Keep information secret, especially if they or others have been caused harm
- Tell lies about other adults/young people.
- Comment inappropriately by text or on social media, regarding their Dunshaughlin Rockets teammates and coaches or persons from any other basketball club.
- Chew gum during training sessions/during matches.

### **Attire**

- Appropriate clothing for training sessions to be worn e.g. t-shirts, shorts.
- Appropriate footwear and socks. No canvas plimsoles permitted.
- Long hair must be tied back.
- Gum shields must be worn.
- Every child where possible must have a basketball appropriate to their age level i.e Size 5, 6 or 7.
- No jewellery/earrings should be worn to training sessions or matches.
- Earrings to be taped/covered over for all matches.
- Fingers nails to be kept short to protect other players.



## Player Charter

1. I understand that Basketball is a Competitive Team Sport and I will endeavor to do my best for myself, my team and my club.
2. I agree to participate fully and to the best of my ability during training and at matches.
3. I will compete fairly and be dignified and gracious in defeat and in victory.
4. Good behavior and attitude is expected from members at all times.
5. Bullying, intimidation, horseplay, physical or verbal abuse, aggression and foul language will not be tolerated by the club and disciplinary procedures will be enforced.
6. I will treat all coaches, fellow team members, referees, officials, organisers and opponents with respect.
7. I will respect the coach's decisions during training and matches.
8. I will notify my coach well in advance if I am unable to attend training/matches.
9. I will attend training and matches on time and appropriately dressed and suitable footwear etc.
10. I will not use electronic devices including mobile phones during training/matches.
11. I will respect the property and equipment of the Club/Community Centre.

### Disciplinary Procedure:

- Step 1** Offending member will receive a verbal warning, which will be recorded by the coach.
- Step 2** Offending member will receive a second verbal warning which will be recorded by the coach and reported to the parents.
- Step 3** Offending member will receive a written warning, which will be signed by the Chairperson of the club.
- Step 4** Suspension/Dismissal from Club (Decision by Committee).

I have read and agree to abide by Basketball Ireland Code of Ethics and Dunshaughlin Rockets Code of Conduct/Charter for Players

Players Name (Block Capitals): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Team

Rookies

U12B  U14B  U16B  U18B  U20B

U12G  U14G  U16G  U18G  U20G

Senior Men  Senior Women

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

