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Players Handbook and Rules  
and  
Code of Conducts

# Players



*"Money is not a motivating factor. Money doesn't thrill me or make me play better because there are benefits to being wealthy. I'm just happy with a ball at my feet. My motivation comes from playing the game I love. If I wasn't paid to be a professional footballer, I would willingly play for nothing."*

*Lionel Messi*

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## Code of Conduct for Players

- 1. PLAYERS MUST ENSURE THEIR REGISTRATION FEES ARE FULLY PAID BY THE DUE DATE EACH YEAR. Players who are not registered are not insured AND THEREFORE WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO PLAY OR TRAIN WITH ANY CLUB TEAM BY ORDER OF THE CLUB COMMITTEE.**
2. The Club will not tolerate the verbal or physical abuse of any coach who is giving their time freely for your enjoyment and who is acting in good faith in their choices and decisions on and off the field of play. Any player who is found guilty of such actions by the Club Disciplinary Committee will face sanctions up to or including expulsion from the Club.
3. Play for enjoyment, not just to please your parents/guardians or coach.
4. Play by the laws of the game.
5. Always accept the referee's decision.
6. Play with control. Do not lose your temper
7. Play for yourself and your team – your team's performance will benefit and so will your own.
8. Respect your opponent. Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Do not bully or take advantage of any player.
9. Co-operate with your coaches, your team-mates and opponents.
10. Remember that the goals of the game are to have fun, improve your skills and feel good too.
11. At the final whistle thank your opponents and the referee.
12. Always remember that you owe a duty of care to your opponents. Tackle hard but fairly – never do anything to intentionally hurt your opponent.

13. Win with humility – lose with dignity.
14. Have respect for club property.
15. Have respect for your coach/manager by informing him/her at all times of your availability/unavailability for matches/training. Remember training is an important part of preparation.
16. Be a good timekeeper.
17. Players must play for their own age group at all times on match day, otherwise they cannot be considered for selection on another older age group for that day.
18. Any player fined within the rules of their respective Waterford Leagues is responsible for the full payment of that fine personally and the player shall not be eligible to play for the Club until such time as that fine is fully paid.
19. All players are requested by the Club to wear the club kit on match day.

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# Parents

## Contract for Parents/Guardians



A study by McCarthy, Jones and Clark-Carter (2008) investigated the sources of enjoyment reported by youth sport participants and found that positive parental involvement was one of the most frequently reported results by young males and females. This implies that when children in sport perceive parental involvement as positive,

they are more likely to enjoy their sporting experience.

1. Parents/Guardians MUST ENSURE THAT REGISTRATION FEES ARE FULLY PAID BY THE DUE DATE EACH YEAR. Players who are not registered are not insured AND THEREFORE WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO PLAY OR TRAIN WITH ANY CLUB TEAM BY ORDER OF THE CLUB COMMITTEE. FIRST MONTH MUST BE PAID BEFORE REGISTRATION.
2. To run a club involves a financial burden so please be prepared to help out in any way you can when called upon to do so. The Club welcomes the involvement of Parents/Guardians in club affairs, and those that are not in a position to help financially are encouraged to help with their time for the benefit of your own children. The club has a weekly lotto, which can be played online for €2 per week and arranges 2 to 3 fundraisers each year to help with the burdensome costs of running a club.
3. Remember that young people are involved with soccer for their enjoyment, not yours.
4. Encourage your child to always play by the laws of the game.
5. Teach young people that honest endeavour is as important as winning, so that the result of each game is accepted without disappointment.
6. Help young people to work towards skill improvement and good sportsmanship.
7. Set a good example by applauding good play on both sides.
8. Never ridicule, humiliate or shout at young players or coaches for making a mistake or losing a match.
9. Do not place emphasis on winning at all costs.
10. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from soccer.

11. As a spectator, do not use profane language or harass referees, coaches or players.
12. Do not publicly question the referee's judgement and never their honesty.
13. Recognise the value and importance of volunteer referees and coaches. They give of their time and resources to provide recreational activities for young people.
14. Foster in your son/daughter an appreciation of mutual respect for teammates and opponents.
15. It is the Parents'/Guardians' responsibility to ensure that players are transported to and from games and this should be shared equally. The club will endeavour to arrange lifts and where this is not possible on occasion a bus will be required, where the expense will be shared amongst the players.
16. When players are not travelling to and from games/training, then they must ensure that players are dropped off and picked up at the appointed place and time.
17. Parents/Guardians should inform the club/coaches of any medical information relevant to your son/daughter.
18. Parents/Guardians must never approach a coach immediately before, during or immediately after a match with a complaint in front of the players or other parents/guardians. Parents/guardians must arrange a mutually suitable time to speak to the coach should they have an issue they wish to discuss. **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MAY A PARENT/GUARDIAN ENTER A DRESSING ROOM FOR ANY REASON.**
19. The Club will not tolerate the verbal or physical abuse of any coach who is giving their time freely for your son/daughter's enjoyment and who is acting in good faith in their choices and decisions on and off the field of play. Any parent/guardian who is found guilty of such actions by the Club Disciplinary Committee may be subject to sanctions as deemed appropriate by that Disciplinary Committee.
20. The Club offers an invite to all parents to consider getting involved actively in the club in a coaching, fundraising, committee or subcommittee level.
21. The Club will partake in any child welfare activities introduced by FAI and will ensure Coaches are Garda Vetted. There will always be a Child Welfare of the Club and his / her details will be available from club secretary.

# Coaches



***"All kids need is a little help, a little hope and somebody who believes in them."***

*(Magic Johnson, NBA Basketballer)*

## *Code of Conduct for Coaches*

1. All coaches must be Garda Vetted before commencing involvement with his / her respective teams and ensure Garda Vetting is renewed every 3 years. Any other child protection measures that are introduced must also be adhered to.
2. All coaches must be members (non playing or playing members) of the club to ensure they are covered under club's insurance policy.
3. Remember that players, regardless of age, need a coach whom they can respect.
4. Be generous with your praise when it is deserved. Never ridicule or shout at players for making mistakes or losing a match.
5. Teach your players that the laws of the game are mutual agreements which no one should break or evade.
6. Be reasonable in your demands on the player's time, energy and enthusiasm. Remember that they have other interests and demands on their time.
7. Ensure that all players participate in matches where possible.
8. Remember that young players play for fun and enjoyment and that skill learning and playing for fun have priority over highly structured competition. Winning is not the only objective.
9. Develop player and team respect for the ability of opponents, as well as for the judgement of referees and opposing coaches.
10. Insist on fair play and disciplined play. Do not tolerate foul play, fighting or foul language. Be prepared to take off an offending player.
11. Set realistic goals for the team and individual players.
12. Encourage young players to develop basic skills and sportsmanship. Avoid over-specialisation in positional play during their formative years.
13. Create a safe and enjoyable environment in which to train and play.
14. Make a personal commitment to keep yourself informed on sound coaching principles and methods, and on the principles of growth and development of young people.
15. Never criticise referees during or after a match in front of players or spectators.

16. Always thank the match officials and if they have made decisions which require clarification, discuss the problems after everyone has changed.
17. Ensure that all your players know that bullying in any form will not be tolerated.
18. Coaches are not permitted to play players who are not registered/fees paid – by order of the Club Committee.
19. Coaches/Managers must leave the facilities in a tidy manner after their session.

**20. Players Playing Above their own Age Group.**

**A** If a manager adds a player to his squad **or** **B** When short player(s)

**Option A**

Discuss the player with the player's own age manager before selecting. To see if there is any reason a player should not be chosen eg. Commitment Issues

Thereafter, the player is a full time member of the squad and is expected to be treated the same as all players of the age and Squad.

The manager must respect that that player must play with his own age group and show commitment to his own age group first. If a player doesn't commit at own age group, that player may be stopped from playing the age above.

**Option B**

The manager(s) requesting must only contact the required player (s) via the manager of the child's own age group. The manager of the child's own age group will make contact with the parents of the player requested and confirm availability of player.

Based on child's commitment to own age group, the manager of the lower age will supply a list of available committed players for senior manager to choose.

**21. Attendance at Development Squad trials**

1. There is a huge level of commitment for players wishing to be involved in development squads. Where players and their parents are willing to commit to the additional requirements of potentially being on a development squad, the committee of Dungarvan Utd. AFC will offer the opportunity to all our players to attend development squad trials.
2. However, some development managers will not have open trials and will specifically request attendance at a trial of individual children and the Dungarvan Utd. AFC will also encourage selected children to attend, making them aware of commitment required.

22. Any trip / activity apart from normal soccer activities using Dungarvan Utd. AFC name must be first approved by committee.

23. Where a manager of a team wishes to also put his full team playing a year above – normally at a lower level league, kids surplus to the age above squad (if any) must be catered for first and be given preference to game time over the younger kids playing up. However where this occurs, the A team manager at the level above will still have first call on the younger players before a second side is finalised.

## **Membership, Insurance & Running Costs**

***"The club is striving to have all memberships, registration and insurance collected online, so***



***no coach is burdened with collecting and carrying cash and can devote his/her time to coaching and managing their teams.***

- Clubforce App is used to register players and pay online.
- For the season 2020/2021 running from July 20 to May 21 (11 months), the club has decided to combine all payments into 8 monthly equal instalments. The monthly payment will include:

**1. Membership of Dungarvan Utd AFC**

**2. Registration with League**

**3. Registration with FAI**

**4. League Entry Costs**

**5. Local Cup Entry Costs**

**6. FAI &/or Munster Cup Entry Costs**

**7. Premium Insurance Policy – costs club over**

**€10,000 currently** – Substantial medical costs are covered after an excess of €150 per claim. We have unfortunately had numerous claims for surgeries and for adults absence from work as a result of injuries received playing for club. Full cover details available.

**8. Astro Turf Usage**

**9. Floodlight Costs for Astro Turf**

**10. Referee costs for all games**

**11. Contribution to pitch liner and maintenance**

**12. Contribution towards clubs ongoing costs**

**Monthly Cost for first 8 months of 11 month season via clubforce app – 1<sup>st</sup> Instalment to be paid before registration with Club & League & FAI..**



***Adult €25 pm Schoolboy/girl €20 – discount for siblings***