

# Curracloue United A.F.C.

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## Curracloue United AFC Coaches and Mentors Code of Conduct

Coaches/Mentors are critical to the establishment of good practices in football. Their attitude to the game directly informs the attitude of the players under their supervision. Coach/Mentors must speak and act in a manner consistent with this reality. Coaches and managers are key to the establishment of ethics in football. Their concept of ethics and their attitude directly affect the behaviour of players under their supervision. Coaches are, therefore, expected to pay particular care to the moral aspect of their conduct. Coaches have to be aware that almost all of their everyday decisions and choices of actions, as well as strategic targets have ethical implications. It is natural that winning constitutes a basic concern for coaches. This code is not intended to conflict with that. However the code calls for coaches to disassociate themselves for a "win at all costs" attitude. Increased responsibility is requested from coaches involved in coaching young people. The health, safety, welfare and moral education of young people are a first priority, before the achievement or the reputation of the organisation, club, school, coach or parent. Set out below is our own code of conduct (which reflects the standards expressed by the Football Association of Ireland) which forms the benchmark for all involved in coaching and managing in Curracloue United AFC.

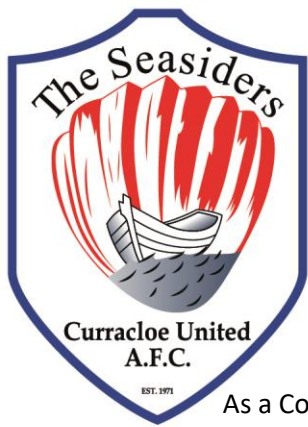
Players must be encouraged to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance in training and competition.

Coaches must not encourage players to violate the laws of the game and should actively seek to discourage such action. Furthermore, coaches should encourage players to obey the spirit of such laws.

If you are a coach of underage players, you act in "loco parentis" and therefore your duty of care is more onerous than that of a coach to an adult team. The coach must consistently display high personal standards and project a favourable image of the game and of coaching – to other players, coaches, officials, spectators, the media and the general public. Coaches should set realistic goals for both the team and individual players and should not push young players into inappropriate or over competitive adult like competitions. In relation to young players, coaches should ensure that all players participate and "average" players require and deserve equal time and attention.

Coaches need to be aware of why children want to play football. They want to learn new skills, make new friends, be part of a group, to win and be successful, experience challenges, excitement and action. While winning is important, it must be remembered that winning at all costs does not meet the needs of players. Results are not necessarily a good indicator of coaching effectiveness or ability, the improvement level of players and their level of enjoyment is. Coaches should aim to provide a safe and enjoyable environment where children and young people are placed at the centre of all activities.





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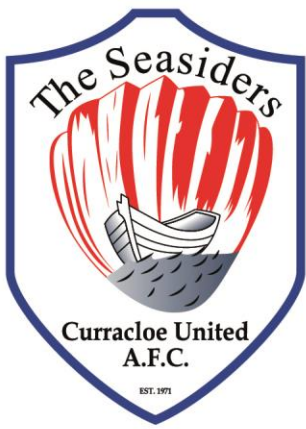
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As a Coach/Mentor I will:

- Complete Garda Vetting before commencing my role and I will complete the safeguarding 1 course.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of each person and treat each person equally within the context of the sport.
- Not subscribe to the ethos of “win at all costs”.
- Place the health, well-being and safety of each player above all other considerations.
- Abide by the rules of the game.
- Strive to develop an appropriate working relationship with each player based on mutual respect.
- Have particular regard for the code when working with young players in the game.
- Not exert undue influence to obtain personal benefit or reward.
- Guide players to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance.
- Ensure that the activities and strategies they direct and advocate are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of players involved.
- Clarify with the players (and where the players are under the age of 18, their parents) exactly what is expected of them and also what they are entitled to expect from the Mentor.
- Co-operate with specialists within the game e.g. other coaches, officials, sport scientists, doctors, and physiotherapists, etc. in the best interest of players.
- Be conversant with the laws of the game and the rules of any competition in which a team under his/her stewardship is participating.
- Encourage players to adhere to the club's code.
- Observe the highest standards of integrity and fair dealing.
- Promote a positive approach to the game e.g. fair play, honest endeavour and genuine teamwork.
- Not encourage or condone violations of the laws of the game, behaviour contrary to the spirit of the game, or the use of questionable strategies or tactics.
- Not encourage or condone the use of prohibited substances.
- Consistently display high standards of behaviour and comment.
- Not use or tolerate the use of inappropriate language.
- Demonstrate due respect towards match officials.





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- Accept the decisions of the match officials. I understand that if I do not follow the Code of conduct, action may be taken by my club, league or national association.

Use any form of corporal punishment or physical force on a child.

Ridicule or shout at a child for making a mistake or losing a game.

Put undue pressure on a child to please or perform well.

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.

Avoid over training and over emphasis on competition.

Abide by the rules of Curraclloe United AFC.

Accept any decision the committee of Curraclloe United AFC may make with regards to the management of the team.

Accept that any breach of the above code by a coach, manager or player must be reported to the Curraclloe United AFC committee immediately and to the club child welfare officer where appropriate.

Accept that coaches and managers (including myself) may be suspended or expelled from the club for abuse of the above code following a decision by the committee.

Coach: \_\_\_\_\_

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

