



Ballynagross FC Code of Conduct for Children & Young People

Ballynagross FC is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of all its members. The club believes that it is important that coaches/volunteers and parents/guardians associated with the club should, at all times, show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others. Therefore, everyone is encouraged to be open at all times and to share any concerns or complaints that they may have about any aspect of the club with **Julie Higgins (Child Protection Officer)**.

Football clubs for children/young people should offer a positive experience where they can learn new things in a safe and positive environment.

As a member of Ballynagross FC, you are expected to abide by the following code of practice:

Children/Young players are expected to:

- ⚽ Be loyal and give their team mates a second chance
- ⚽ Be friendly and particularly welcoming to new members
- ⚽ Be supportive and committed to other team mates, offer comfort when required
- ⚽ Not get involved in inappropriate peer pressure and push others into something they do not want to do
- ⚽ Be responsible for their own kit
- ⚽ Wear appropriate footwear/shin pads
- ⚽ Bring their own water bottle/fluid
- ⚽ Keep within the defined boundary of the playing/coaching area
- ⚽ Behave and listen to all instructions from the coach/volunteers
- ⚽ Take care of equipment owned by the club/centre
- ⚽ Refrain from the use of bad language or racial/sectarian references
- ⚽ Refrain from bullying or persistent use of rough and dangerous play
- ⚽ Show respect to other players, staff/coaches/volunteers and parents/guardians
- ⚽ Report inappropriate behaviour
- ⚽ Play fairly
- ⚽ Respect officials and accept decisions
- ⚽ Be gracious in defeat
- ⚽ Respect opponents and not cheat
- ⚽ Not use violence
- ⚽ Arrive on time
- ⚽ Be collected on time.





Children/Young people have the right to:

- ⚽ Be safe and happy in football
- ⚽ Be listened to
- ⚽ Be respected and treated fairly
- ⚽ Privacy
- ⚽ Enjoy football in a protective environment
- ⚽ Be referred to professional help if needed
- ⚽ Be protected from inappropriate behaviour/abuse by other club/centre members or outside sources
- ⚽ Participate on an equal basis, appropriate to their ability
- ⚽ Experience competition and the desire to win
- ⚽ Be believed when asking for help.

Any breach of the Code of Conduct for Children/Young Players will be addressed by the immediate coach/volunteer and reported verbally and in writing to the designated Child Protection Officer. If a child/young player continues to breach the Code of Conduct after an initial verbal warning from the immediate coach/volunteer, the following disciplinary action should take place:

1st Official Warning:

Reported to parent/guardian verbally and in writing - 2 week suspension.

2nd Official (Final)

Reported to parent/guardian verbally and in writing - Minimum 6 month suspension.

Warning: In extreme cases expulsion will be considered.

The club should form a Disciplinary Committee as well as an Appeals Committee. If parents/guardians wish to appeal any of the committee's decisions they must do so in writing, by special delivery letter, within 7 days of receiving official notification.

The decision of the Appeals Committee shall be final and binding on all parties concerned and there should be no further appeals from it.

Signed by player: _____

Print Name: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____