



Clg Cuchulainn Code of Behaviour - Officials

Clg Cuchulainn Code of Behaviour addresses the minimum levels of behaviour, practice and conduct required from our Young Players, Coaches, Officials, Managers, Supporters, Parents/Guardians and Clubs.

All Clg Cuchulainn Officials should ensure all our members benefit significantly from our club activities by promoting a positive, healthy and participatory approach in our work within the club. Club officials should always remember that they are role models for all members of Clg Cuchulainn.

CLUB OFFICIALS SHOULD;

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every member.
- Treat each person equally regardless of age, gender, ability, ethnic origin, cultural background or religion.
- Recognise the development needs and capacity of all members,
- Develop an understanding of the specific role of your designated job.

CLUB OFFICIALS SHOULD LEAD BY EXAMPLE

- Never use foul language or provocative language/gestures to a player, opponent or match official.
- Only enter the field of play with the Referee's permission.
- Do not question a Referee's decisions or integrity.
- Encourage players to respect and accept the judgement of match officials.
- Promote Fair Play and encourage all players and fellow officials to always play by the rules of the game.
- Do not encourage or threaten a player by deed or gesture to act in any unacceptable manner towards an opponent, fellow player or official.
- Promote the RESPECT campaign amongst your players, fellow coaches, parents and supporters.
- Do not smoke while working with underage players.
- Do not consume alcohol or non prescribed drugs immediately prior to or while underage players are in your care.
- Encourage parents to become involved in your team and Club activities wherever possible.

CONDUCT OF CLUB OFFICIALS WHEN WORKING WITH MEMBERS

- Develop an appropriate working relationship with members based on mutual trust and respect.
- Challenge Bullying in any form whether physical or emotional. Bullying is not acceptable behaviour be it from a young person, coach, parent/guardian, spectator or match official.
- Don't shout at or lecture members or reprimand/ridicule them when they make a mistake. Children learn best through trial and error. Children and young people should not be afraid to risk error so as to learn.
- The use of any form of physical punishment is prohibited as is any form of physical response to misbehaviour, unless it is by way of restraint.
- Avoid incidents of horse play or role play or telling jokes etc. that could be misinterpreted.



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- Never undertake any form of therapy or hypnosis, in the training of children.
- Never encourage players to consume non-prescribed drugs or take performance enhancing supplements.

AVOID COMPROMISING YOUR ROLE AS A CLUB OFFICIAL

Club Officials should;

- Avoid taking meetings on your own.
- Only deliver one to one instruction, if deemed necessary, within a group setting.

BEST PRACTICE

- As a club official always be punctual and properly attired.
- Be accompanied by at least one other adult at coaching sessions, games and in underage team dressing rooms.
- Set realistic – stretching but achievable – performance goals for your members, players and teams.
- Keep a record of attendance at club meetings.
- Use mobile phones, if deemed appropriate, only via a group text or email system for communicating with the parents/guardians of players. Any exception to this form of group texting can only be proceeded with following permission from parents/guardians.
- Do not communicate individually by text/email with underage players.

- Do not engage in communications with underage players via social network sites.
- Encourage parents/guardians to play an active role in organising and assisting various activities for your teams and your Club.
- If it is necessary to transport a child/young person in your car, ensure that they are seated in a rear seat with seat belts securely fastened and that all drivers are adequately insured.
- With the exception of their own child a coach should not transport a child alone, except in emergency or exceptional circumstances.

*Let us ensure that all members of Clg Cuchulainn emphasise **FAIR PLAY, RESPECT, EQUALITY, SAFETY** and **NO DISCRIMINATION** in all aspects of our work with children and young people.*

To become a member of Clg Cuchulainn for it is compulsory to submit a signed 'Code of Behaviour Form' with your annual club membership form



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