



## **Rathcormac FC Code of Conduct – Player**

Rathcormac FC strives to contribute to the sporting and social development of children and young people by presenting them with an opportunity to engage in Football.

In order for football to be a positive experience for all children and young people, the club expects high standards of behaviour to be demonstrated by all players so that everyone can benefit from the positive aspects of the game.

Children and young people have a responsibility to conduct themselves in a manner which does not bring the Rathcormac FC into disrepute. Any behaviour in breach of our Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action.

### **As a player participating in club activities I will:**

- Behave and listen to all instructions from staff and volunteers.
- Take care of and respect equipment owned by Rathcormac FC or the rented facility.
- Refrain from the use of foul, abusive, racial, discriminatory and sectarian references.
- Refrain from bullying behaviour or the persistent use of rough and dangerous play.
- Refrain from engaging in inappropriate use of social media – this includes posting comments or images on social media sites that may cause harm to other users or bring the club into disrepute.
- Never tell lies about other adults, children or young people.
- Respect my coach and teammates.
- Show respect to opponents, their coaches and spectators.
- Respect officials and accept their decisions.
- Respect opponents and not cheat.
- Play fairly and be gracious in defeat.
- Shake hands with the other team and the referee at the end of the match.
- Keep within the defined boundary of the playing/coaching area unless instructed otherwise.

- Ensure I am punctual for training, matches and any other Rathcormac FC activity.
- Advise team manager/coach of any injury or medical condition sustained before or during club activities.
- Advise the team manager/coach if I am unavailable to play or participate in activities.
- Be collected on time.
- Be responsible for my own kit.
- Wear appropriate footwear/shin pads.
- Bring my own water bottle/fluid.

**Children and young people participating in Rathcormac FC activities have the right to:**

- Feel safe and protected.
- Be respected and listened to.
- Contribute by offering constructive comments/feedback.
- Privacy.
- Enjoy football in a protective environment.
- Be protected from inappropriate behaviour/abuse from staff and volunteers.
- Appropriate levels of confidentiality.
- Participate on an equal basis, appropriate to their ability.
- Be believed when they ask for help.

Rathcormac FC requires adherence to all Codes of Conduct and will take appropriate action if any person is deemed to be in breach of a code as set out in this policy.