



Rathcormac FC Code of Conduct – Parents

Parents have a powerful influence on the level of fun and enjoyment which children derive from the game and on the degree of enthusiasm with which they participate in it. Positive encouragement is the key to a child's enjoyment of the game, their sense of personal achievement, the development of their skill levels and their self-esteem.

Rathcormac FC expect all parents and guardians to promote the positive aspects of football by demonstrating exemplary behaviour at all times – this includes encouraging their child's participation in the game, demonstrating respect for staff and officials and behaving responsibly on the sidelines.

Persistent breaches of the code may result in the parent or guardian being asked to stay away from club activities and may also result in their child being removed from the club.

As a Parent / Guardian I will:

- encourage my child to play by the rules and teach them that they can only do their best.
- show appreciation and respect for coaches, volunteers and other players.
- encourage children to show respect to their coach, team mates, opponents and match officials by demonstrating exemplary behavior myself.
- be realistic and never exert undue pressure or expectations on my child.
- avoid coaching my child during the game.
- praise effort and participation rather than focusing on performance and results.
- accept decisions made by match officials.
- behave responsibly on the sidelines (this includes not screaming or shouting).
- promote my child's participation in playing football for fun.
- encourage their child to play by the rules and teach them that they can only do their best.
- refrain from engaging in inappropriate use of social media – this includes posting comments on social media sites that may cause harm to others or bring the club into disrepute.

- complete and return the Registration / Consent Form on time. And ensure all membership and fees are also paid by the due date.
- deliver and collect my child to and from coaching sessions and matches punctually if required – depending on the age of the young person, venue and arrangements with club coaches / volunteers.
- ensure my child is properly and adequately attired and equipped – particularly for seasonal weather conditions.
- ensure that proper footwear and protective equipment are worn at ALL times.
- detail any health concerns relating to my child on the consent form, in particular breathing or chest conditions. I will also inform the coach of any changes to my child's health.
- inform the coach if my child has been ill or hurt recently.

Parents / guardians have the right to:

- know their child is safe
- be informed of problems or concerns relating to their child
- be informed if their child is injured
- speak to staff and voice any concerns about their child