



Code of Expectations for Parents/Guardians

ROSSGLASS COUNTY F.C. is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of all its members. The club believes that it is important that members, coaches, administrators and parents/guardians associated with the club should, at all times, show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others. Therefore, parents/guardians and members are encouraged to be open at all times and to share any concerns or complaints that they may have about any aspect of the club.

As a parent/guardian of a youth member of Rossglass County F.C. you are expected to abide by the following guidelines:

Parents/guardians are expected to:

- Positively reinforce their child and show an interest in their football. Support their child's involvement and help them to enjoy football
- Not place their child under pressure or push them into activities they do not want to do
- Complete and return the Registration/Consent Form pertaining to their child's participation
- Deliver and collect the child punctually to and from coaching sessions/matches punctually
- Ensure their child is properly and adequately attired for the weather conditions
- Ensure that proper footwear and protective equipment are worn at **ALL** times. Any child/young person not in possession of the fundamental requirements should not be permitted to participate.
- Detail any health concerns pertaining to the child on the consent form, in particular breathing or chest conditions. Any changes in the state of the child's health should be reported to the coach prior to coaching sessions.
- Inform the coach/co-ordinator if their child has been ill or hurt recently
- Inform the coach prior to departure from the field of play if the child is to be collected early from a coaching session
- Encourage their child to play by the rules and teach them that they can only do their best. Help your child to recognise good performance, not just results
- Acknowledge the importance and role of the club coaches who provide their time free to ensure children's participation in the club
- Show appreciation and support the coach

- Be realistic
- Ensure their child's hygiene and nutritional needs are met
- Accept the referee/game supervisor's judgement
- Behave responsibly on the side-lines; do not embarrass your child
- Encourage children to show respect
- Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes.
- Use correct and proper language at all times.
- Promote their child's participation in playing football for **fun**.

Parents/Guardians have the right to:

- Know their child is safe
- Be informed of problems or concerns relating to their children
- Be informed if their child is injured
- Have their consent sought for issues such as trips
- Contribute to decisions within the club
- Speak to the coach and voice their concerns about the standard of coaching.

Any misdemeanours and breach of this code of conduct will be dealt with by the Club Committee. Persistent concerns or breaches will result in the parent/guardian being asked not to attend matches/ training if their attendance is detrimental to the child's/young person's welfare.

The ultimate action should a parent/guardian continue to breach the code of behaviour may mean the Club Committee regrettably asking the child/young person to leave the club.