



ATHBOY CELTIC AFC

CODE OF ETHICS



Please note that Athboy Celtic AFC greatly values the contribution put in by all volunteer coaches, non-coaching volunteers, junior and senior players and the parents who support all the above.

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Commitment of all members of Athboy Celtic AFC.

By registering for Athboy Celtic AFC as a senior player / coach or volunteer or when registering your child as an underage player with Athboy Celtic AFC you undertake to abide by the clubs Code of Ethics and by the rulings of the clubs Conduct and Ethics Committee.





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Coaches' Code.

1. Remember that young players play for fun and enjoyment and that skill learning and playing for fun have priority over highly structured competition. Winning is not the only objective.
2. Create a safe, enjoyable and inclusive environment in which to train and play. Remember as coaches, you also have the right to respectful treatment which supports the creation of this environment.
3. Children absorb all we say. Be generous with your praise when it is deserved. Be positive in your language and teach through accentuating the positive aspects of every player.
4. Never ridicule or shout at players for making mistakes or losing a match. Coach with positivity at the forefront of your approach and coaching style. Communicate with all players, and where appropriate parents in an open and transparent manner
5. Your role as an underage coach is one that requires you to act as a guardian to all the children in your care while they are training / playing for Athboy Celtic. It is a coach's role to be responsible for all players safety and welfare while in your care.
6. Children look up to their coaches and need a coach they can respect. It is the responsibility of the coach to always lead by example in their words and behaviour.
7. Player development is the goal of all coaches at Athboy Celtic. Ensure that all players participate in matches and appropriate game time is afforded to all.
8. Be aware of the skill level vs coaches' expectations of your players. Set realistic goals for the team and individual players.
9. Encourage young players to develop basic skills and sportsmanship. Avoid over specialisation in positional play during their formative years.
10. Make a commitment to keep yourself informed on sound coaching principles and methods, and on the principles of growth and development of young people. All coaches should operate under the club's coaching guidelines.
11. Ensure that all players know that bullying whether verbal or physical will not be tolerated. If this behaviour is observed, act quickly and accordingly to support all involved.
12. Teach your players respect for the laws of the game which no one should break.
13. Develop player and team respect for opponents, opposing coaches and judgement of referees.
14. Insist on fair and disciplined play. Do not tolerate foul play, fighting or foul language. Be prepared to take off an offending player.
15. Coaches should notify a member of the Committee of all serious breaches of the code of ethics by players, parents, supporters or other volunteers.
16. When you step on the sideline as a coach of Athboy Celtic, you are a representative of the club. Be mindful of your language, behaviour and interactions with (a) your players (b) match officials (c) parents (d) opposition players and coaches and (e) all people in the vicinity of the game.
17. Always thank match officials and if they have made decisions that require clarification, discuss the issues after everyone has changed



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Young Players' Code.

Young PLAYERS should always:

1. Play fairly, do their best and enjoy themselves.
2. Respect fully their fellow team members regardless of ability, ethnic origin, cultural background or religion.
3. Support fellow team members regardless of whether they do well or not.
4. Represent their team, their Club and their family with pride and dignity.
5. Respect all coaches, mentors, officials and their opponents.
6. Be gracious in defeat and modest in victory.
7. Shake hands before and after a game, irrespective of the result.
8. Ensure that their coach/mentor/manager is informed in advance if they are unavailable for training and games.
9. Know that it is acceptable to talk to the Club or juvenile Section Children's Officer with any concerns or questions they may have.
10. Adhere to acceptable standards of behaviour.
11. Tell somebody else if they or others have been harmed in any way.
12. Take due care of Club equipment.

Young PLAYERS should never:

1. Cheat – always play by the rules.
2. Shout at or argue with a game's official, with their coach, their teammates or opponents and should never use violence.
3. Play with the intention of hurting another player – Tackle hard but always fair.
4. Use unfair or bullying tactics to gain advantage or isolate other players on your team or any other team. Teammates, regardless of ability, are deserving of respect at all times.
5. Spread rumours about any player, coach or other person involved in your team or club. .
6. Tell lies about adults or other young people.
7. Play or train if they feel unwell or are injured.
8. Use unacceptable language or racial and/or sectarian references.



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Senior Players' Code.

1. Remember that senior players act as a mentor and role-model to all underage players and as a representative of Athboy Celtic AFC when involved in training, matches and all other club related activities.
2. Always respect fellow team members regardless of ability, ethnic origin, cultural background or religion.
3. Represent your team and your Club with pride and dignity.
4. Respect all coaches, mentors, officials and your opponents.
5. Be mindful of language and behaviour when representing Athboy Celtic.
6. Always accept the referee's decision. Do not argue or speak disrespectfully to match officials.
7. Take individual responsibility in the prevention of all actions that might lead to disciplinary action from match officials, the club or the league.
8. Understand and accept any consequences that stem from individual actions that might lead to disciplinary action from match officials, the club or the league.
9. Always remember that you owe a duty of care to your opponents. Tackle hard but fair, do not intend to hurt your opponent.
10. Ensure that their coach/mentor/manager is informed in advance if they are unavailable for training and games.
11. Take due care of Club equipment.



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Parents' Code.

1. Remember that young people are involved in football for their enjoyment.
2. Encourage your child always to play by the laws of the game.
3. Parents should not approach a coach to discuss an issue or concern before or during a match or training session or in front of another juvenile player. Please use a private message to arrange and agree a suitable time for a conversation
4. Teach young children that honest endeavor is as important as winning, so that the result of each game is accepted without disappointment. Set a good example by applauding good play on both sides.
5. Never ridicule, humiliate or shout at young players for making a mistake or losing a match.
6. Do not place emphasis on winning at all costs. Development and growth are the key goals of the game and the clubs' coaching policies and parents should support these at all times. . Help young people to work towards skill improvement and good sportsmanship.
7. Being present at training and matches is essential for (a) your child feeling supported during their development and (b) to acknowledge the role of the coaches is as a trainer but not a minder or baby-sitter. **Supporting them in getting to training and matches can facilitate this action.**
8. Do not force an unwilling child to participate in the playing of football. If the child is to play, he or she will do so in good time through your encouragement. There are other aspects of football other than playing which are equally fulfilling such as the social aspect, the being part of a group and the fun that can be had by engaging in a team activity.
9. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from football.
10. Parents should always be aware that they are representing the Athboy Celtic AFC and their child when attending matches and away trips. As a spectator, do not use profane language or harass referees, coaches or players.
11. Do not publicly question the referee's judgement or their honesty.
12. Recognise the value and importance of volunteer referees and coaches. They give of their time and resources to provide recreational activities for young people. Treat them with respect at all times.
13. Encourage in your child an appreciation of mutual respect for team-mates and opponents.

Parents' Match Day Guide

1. • Where a fence is in place, parents should always remain behind this fence during training and match events. Where no fence exists, Parents should stand at least one meter from the touchline, this gives the players space and allows the managers & referees a clear view of the pitch.
2. • Standing behind the goal or on the goal line is not allowed.
3. • Do not enter onto the pitch unless specifically asked to do so by a manager or coach.
4. • Do not coach players during a match. A child can be confused and not heed coach's instruction.
5. • If you have an idea, a tactic or plan, speak to the coaches before or after the game. Let the coach during the game.



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Conduct and Ethics committee



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