



Kinnegad Juniors A.F.C.

Code of Conduct for Children

(Abridged Version)

All children and young players should:

- Attend training/matches regularly and arrive on time.
- Wear shin guards to each training session and match.
- Inform the coach in advance if it is necessary to miss a match.
- Make each training session a challenge to improve and develop skills.
- Work towards good behaviour, sportsmanship and teamwork; remember behaviour is as important as performance.
- Respect the coaches and fellow players at all times.
- Respect the referees and opponents during matches.
- Be supportive of all team-mates, especially when things are not going well for them.
- Ensure that they talk to a coach/parent/someone they trust if anyone is causing them harm or distress, or if they are unhappy about something in football training or at matches.

Please let a Child Protection Officer know of any issues a child or young player may be having.

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Children in Kinnegad Juniors A.F.C should:

- Play fairly, do their best and have fun.
- Be on their best behaviour at all times.
- Abide by all club rules.
- Make high standards of ***Fair Play***¹ - the standard others want to follow.
- Respect opponents: they are not the enemy, they are partners in a sporting event.
- Shake hands before and after the match, whoever wins.
- Give opponents a hand if they are injured, put the ball out of play so they can get attention.
- Accept apologies from opponents when they are offered.
- Respect fellow team members and support them both when they do well and when things go wrong.
- Treat players from minority groups with the same respect you show other people.
- Be modest in victory and be gracious in defeat - "***Be a Sport***".

¹ **Fair Play** is the guiding principle of the Irish Sports Council's Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Children's Sport. It states that "all children's sport should be conducted in an atmosphere of fair play". Ireland has contributed and is committed to the European Code of Sports Ethics, which defines Fair Play as: "much more than playing within the rules". It incorporates the concepts of friendship, respect for others and always playing with the right spirit. Fair play is defined as a way of thinking, not just behaving. It incorporates issues concerned with the elimination of opportunities, excessive commercialisation and corruption. (European Sports Charter and Code of Ethics, Council of Europe, 1993).

Children in Kinnegad Juniors A.F.C should NOT:

- Cheat
- Use bad language
- Use racist language or behaviour - **Kinnegad Juniors A.F.C adopts a zero-tolerance approach to any form of racism.**
- Use abusive language, or argue with, the referee, officials, team-mates or opponents.
- Use violence
- Use physical contact, only when it is allowed within the rules.
- Bully
- Tell lies about other children or adults
- Spread rumours
- Take banned substances
- Keep secrets about any person who may have caused them or others harm
- Behave in any manner that may bring the name of Kinnegad Juniors A.F.C into disrepute.

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