



BANGOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Registered Name: BANGOR FOOTBALL AND ATHLETIC CLUB LIMITED
Clandeboye Park, 1a Hawthorne Court, Clandeboye Road, BANGOR, Co-Down, BT20 3HR

Code of Conduct for Young Players

Bangor Football Club is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of all its members and all-round development of our young players. The Club believes that it is important that club officials/managers/coaches/volunteers and parents/guardians associated with the Club should, at all times, show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others. Therefore, everyone is encouraged to be open at all times and to share any concerns or complaints that they may have about any aspect of the Club with any director, official, manager or coach.

We also want to make football fun for everyone in the club. We recognise the key role that the club and our coaches have in this, but also expect certain behaviours of our players. We have set these expectations down in this Code of Conduct, which we ask all players and parents to commit to each year. If a player breaches this code, this could result to the player being asked to leave the Club.

As a young player, you can expect to be:

- Able to enjoy playing football, developing your skills in a safe environment
- Safe and listened to and believed when asking for help
- Respected and treated fairly
- Protected from inappropriate behaviour/abuse by other club members or outside sources

If any of these are not being realised, you should speak with your coach and/or the Club's Child Protection Officer.

As a young player, the club expects you to:

Be committed to your team and your coach by:

- Being on time for training and matches
- Dressing appropriately and bringing an appropriate drink
- Informing your coach if you are unavailable and of any relevant health/ medical information
- Looking after your possessions, and respecting those of other players
- Focusing, paying attention and following instructions during training and matches

Respect yourself, your teammates and your club by:

- Complying with the club's policies and procedures
 - Playing in the team and position that you have been selected for and assigned to
 - Playing fairly - not cheating, complaining or wasting time
 - Respecting match officials and accepting their decisions without question
 - Being gracious in victory and defeat
 - Shaking hands with the opposition and referee after every game
 - Never drinking alcohol or smoking or taking other drugs, or being under the influence of alcohol or drugs, whilst representing the club
 - Not using inappropriate or bad language during training or matches
 - Taking care of the equipment and facilities provided
 - Never bullying or using violence
 - Reporting inappropriate behaviour
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Code of Conduct for Parents/Guardians

The club takes very seriously the safeguarding and all-round development of our players. We also want to make football fun for everyone in the club. We recognise the key role that the club and our coaches have in this, but also expect certain behaviours of our players and of their parents and supporters. We have set these expectations down in this Code of Conduct, which we ask all players and parents to commit to each year. If a parent or guardian breaches the code, this could result in the parent/ guardian being asked not to attend matches/training or, ultimately, in the player being asked to leave the club.

Parents/ guardians have the right to:

- Know their child is safe, with appropriate consents sought
- Be informed of problems or concerns relating to their child
- Be informed if their child is injured
- Contribute to club decisions

The club expects parents / guardians to:

Support the club in our responsibilities for safety and care of players by:

- Completing and returning registration forms prior to their child's participation
- Paying fees/subscriptions in full and on time
- Delivering and collecting their child to and from matches/ training on time
- Ensuring their child is properly and adequately clothed for the weather, with proper footwear and protective clothing being worn at all times
- Ensuring their child's hygiene and nutritional needs are met
- Detailing any health concerns to the coach and on the registration form, and providing timely updates on any changes to the information
- Informing the coach if their child has been hurt or ill recently
- Informing the coach if their child is being removed from a game/training early

Encourage their children to show respect to their club, their team mates and their opponents by:

- Complying with the club's policies and procedures
- Playing in the team and position that they have been selected for and assigned to
- Always being positive about the performances of their child and teammates
- Abiding by any requirements of the league/ tournament organisers
- Behaving responsibly on the side-lines - not smoking or consuming alcohol or other drugs, or being under their influence, and not using inappropriate or bad language at any time
- Being responsible for the conduct of family and friends who are attending games/ training in their company
- Being supportive of the efforts of both teams and respecting match officials and accepting their decisions without question
- Encouraging their child to play by the rules, teaching them they can only do their best at all times
- Showing appreciation of and supporting the coach and the club and not seeking to undermine them in any way
- Never coaching or giving instructions from the side-lines

Above all, we ask parents to be realistic, and to report any concerns to the club in a timely way to allow them to be addressed.