

# SPORTING ENNISTYMON F.C'S PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT

## **Children in Sporting Ennistymon F.C are entitled to:**

- Being safe.
- Be treated with dignity, sensitivity and respect.
- Participating in football on an equal basis, appropriate to their ability and stage of development.
- Being happy, having fun and enjoying football.
- Making a complaint in an appropriate way and having it dealt with through a proper and effective complaints procedure.
- Being afforded appropriate confidentiality.
- Being listened to and to be believed.
- Having a voice in the running of the club.

## **Children should also be encouraged to realise that they also have responsibilities to treat other children, fellow players, coaches and volunteers with the same degree of fairness and respect.**

- **In this regard children in Sporting Ennistymon F.C should undertake to:**
- Playing fairly, doing their best and having fun.
- Being on their best behaviour at all times.
- Abiding by all club rules.

- Making high standards of Fair Play, the standard others want to follow.
- Respecting opponents, they are not the enemy, they are partners in a sporting event.
- Shaking hands before and after the match, whoever wins.
- Giving opponents a hand if they are injured, putting the ball out of play so they can get attention.
- Accepting apologies from opponents when they are offered.
- Respecting fellow team members and supporting them both when they do well and when things go wrong.
- Treating players from minority groups with the same respect you show other people.
- Being modest in victory and be gracious in defeat- "Be A Sport".

- Approach the club Childrens Officer with any questions or concerns they might have. Coaches and parents should encourage children to speak out and support them in doing so.

## **Children in Sporting Ennistymon F.C should not:**

- Cheat.
- 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 adults or other children.
- Spread rumours.
- Take banned substances to improve performance.
- Keep secrets about any person who may have caused them harm.
- Behave in any manner that may bring the name of Sporting Ennistymon F.C into disrepute.

We recognise that competition and winning is an important goal, but winning at all costs does not meet the needs of young players.

Sporting Ennistymon F.C are aware that recent research would suggest that increasing numbers of children leave sport between the ages of eight and thirteen. A number of the most common reasons given were; that sport was no longer fun, they did not get to play and overemphasis on winning.

Therefore we have to make every effort to ensure that we keep a balanced approach to competition, make sure all players get a chance to play and strive to keep the fun in football.

## **Parents/Guardians Signed:**

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## **Date of Signature:**

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