

SPORTING ENNISTYMON F.C'S TOUCHING GUIDELINES

All managers/volunteers of Sporting Ennistymon F.C are advised that:

- Any necessary physical contact should be in response to the needs of the child and not the adult
- It should be in an open environment with the permission and full understanding of the player.
- It should be determined by the age and developmental stage of the player. You should not anything that a child can do for him/herself.
- Coaches should not play injured players.
- Coaches should not treat injuries out of sight of others. Use a "Two-Deep" (two personnel, or two players) supervision system. Only personnel who are qualified in administering

First Aid or treating sports injuries should attempt to treat an injury.

- The comfort level and dignity of the player should always be the priority. Example: Only uncover the injured area, or cover private areas of the athlete's body.
- Any doubts of a medical nature should be passed on to a suitably qualified medical person.

COMFORTING/CONGRATULATING PLAYERS IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN COACHES AND PLAYERS.

Guidelines for this type of touch are:

- Limit touching to "safe" areas, such as hand-to-shoulder. It should not involve touching genital area, buttocks, breasts, or mouths.
- Make your intention to congratulate or comfort clear to the player.
- Get permission from the player before embracing them - remember that personnel are in the position of power.
- Respect a players discomfort or rejection of physical contact.
- Be sure that touching occurs only when others are present.

Avoid unnecessary physical contact and never engage in inappropriate touching.