

Code of Conduct for Children

Principles: This code of conduct for children is a general framework to encourage and support appropriate behaviour and help us to provide safe activities and services. This code should be read in conjunction with the code of behaviour for children. We believe that all children and young people have the right to:

- Be safe and happy in their chosen activity
- Be listened to
- Be respected and treated fairly
- Privacy
- Enjoy your chosen activity in a protective environment
- Be referred to professional help if they need it
- Be protected from abuse by other participants, staff or from outside sources
- Participate in their chosen activity on an equal basis as appropriate to their ability
- Experience competition and the desire to win
- Be believed
- Ask for help
- Have any concerns taken seriously and acted on

The following is a list of Do's and Don'ts that outline the expected standards of behaviour from children and young people engaging with our organisation and should be read in conjunction with any other code of conduct applicable to the activity being participated in:

Do	be loyal and give your friends a second chance.
Do	be friendly and particularly welcoming to new members joining the organisation
Do	be supportive and committed to your team members and offer them comfort when required
Do	keep yourself safe
Do	report any inappropriate behaviour or risky situations for yourself and others
Do	play fairly and be trustworthy
Do	respect officials and accept their decisions
Do	show appropriate loyalty and be gracious in defeat
Do	respect opponents
Do	make our organisation a fun place to be
Do	behave and listen to all instructions from our staff
Do	show respect to other group members and our staff and show team spirit
Do	take care of equipment owned by the organisation
Do	respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants
Do	wear suitable clothing, shoes and/or kit for the activity you are participating in

Do Not	cheat or be violent and aggressive
Do Not	get involved in inappropriate peer pressure and push others into something they do not want to do
Do Not	use rough and/or dangerous play
Do Not	smoke on our premises or whilst representing the organisation at competitions
Do Not	consume alcohol or drugs of any kind on our premises or whilst representing the organisation
Do Not	do not discriminate against anyone on any grounds
Do Not	use bad language or racial/sectarian references
Do Not	bully another person - which includes bullying via social media, texts and messaging

Any minor misdemeanours or general misbehaviour will be addressed by the appropriate staff member responsible for the activity and reported verbally to the DSO. More serious or persistent misbehaviour may result in disciplinary action and potentially dismissal from the activity. Parents/carers will be informed at all stages.