

# St Columba's Junior Football Club

## Code of Conduct for Officials, Team Managers & Coaches

Season 2017/18



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### Statement

Coaches are key to the establishment of ethics in football. Their concept of ethics is that their attitude directly affects the behaviour of players under their supervision. Coaches are, therefore, expected to pay particular care to the moral aspect of their conduct.

Coaches have to be aware that almost all of their everyday actions, as well as strategic targets, have ethical implications. It is natural that winning constitutes a basic concern for coaches. This code is not intended to conflict with that. However, the code calls for coaches to disassociate themselves from a 'win at all costs' attitude.

Increased responsibility is requested from coaches involved with young people. The health, safety, welfare and moral education of young people are a first priority, before the achievement of the Club, coach or parent.

### Code of Conduct

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game. The biggest concern in grassroots football participants is the abuse of match officials and the unacceptable behaviour of over-competitive coaches on the sideline.

Please play your part and observe our code of conduct by agreeing, on and off the field, to:

- Show respect to others involved in the game, including match officials, opposition players, coaches, managers and spectators.
- Adhere to the laws and spirit of the game.
- Promote fair play and high standards of behaviour.
- Always respect the match officials' decisions.
- Never enter the field of play without the referee's permission.
- Never engage in public criticism of the match officials.
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour.

When working with players, you will:

- Place the well-being, safety and enjoyment of each player above everything, including winning.
- Explain what you expect of the players and what they can expect from you.
- Ensure all parents/carers of all players under 18 understand these expectations.
- Never engage in or tolerate any form of bullying.
- Develop mutual trust and respect with each player to build their self-esteem.
- Encourage each player to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance.
- Ensure all activities organised are appropriate for the players' ability levels, age and maturity.
- Co-operate fully with others in football (e.g. officials, welfare officers) in the players' best interests.

You should understand that if you do not follow this code of conduct, any or all of the following actions may be taken by The Club, League, County FA or The FA. You may be:

- Required to meet with the Club, League or County FA Welfare Officer.
- Required to meet with the Club Committee.
- Obligated to undertake an FA education course.
- Monitored by another Club coach.
- Suspended by the Club from attending matches.
- Suspended or fined by the County FA.
- Required to leave or be sacked by the Club.

Name:

Team:

Signed:

Date: