



CLONEE UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

Coach / Volunteer Code of Conduct

Introduction

Coaches and Volunteer are critical to the establishment of good practice in football. Their attitude to the game directly shapes the attitude of the players under their supervision. Coaches and Mentors must therefore speak and act in a manner consistent with the values of Clonee United and the wider game.

As a Coach / Volunteer, I will:

- Complete Garda Vetting before commencing my role and complete the Safeguarding 1 course.
- Respect the rights, dignity, and worth of every person, treating all equally within the context of sport.
- Never subscribe to a “win at all costs” ethos.
- Place the health, wellbeing, and safety of each player above all other considerations.
- Abide by the laws of the game and the rules of all competitions.
- Build working relationships with players based on mutual respect.
- Pay particular attention to safeguarding when working with young players.
- Never exert undue influence for personal benefit or reward.
- Guide players to take responsibility for their own behaviour and performance.
- Ensure all activities are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience, and ability of players.
- Clarify with players (and parents/guardians where under 18) what is expected of them and what they can expect from me.
- Cooperate with other professionals (e.g. coaches, officials, sport scientists, doctors, physiotherapists) in the best interests of players.
- Encourage players to adhere to the club’s Code of Conduct.
- Observe the highest standards of integrity and fair dealing.
- Promote a positive approach: fair play, honest endeavour, teamwork.
- Never encourage or condone breaking the laws of the game, behaviour contrary to the spirit of the game, use of prohibited substances, or questionable strategies/tactics.
- Consistently display high standards of behaviour and communication.
- Refrain from using or tolerating inappropriate language.
- Show respect to match officials and accept their decisions.

**Accountability**

I understand that if I do not follow this Code of Conduct, action may be taken by Clonee United, the league, or the FAI.

Signature

Coach / Club Official: _____

Date: _____