



# Clontarf Youth Cricket Club

## Youth Coach: Code of Conduct

At Clontarf Cricket Club, we acknowledge the crucial role our coaches play in moulding the experiences and character of our young cricketers. Our Coach Code of Conduct sets clear expectations, fosters a positive coaching environment, and ensures the holistic development of players. By adhering to this code, our coaches not only enhance cricket skills but also instil club values such as integrity, respect, and fair play. Together, we can create a nurturing space where our young cricketers flourish both as players and individuals.

1. **Safety First:** Prioritise player safety. Implement best practices for warm-ups, equipment, and injury prevention.
2. **Role Model Integrity:** Exhibit honesty, integrity, and ethical behaviour. Your actions set the tone for players and fellow coaches.
3. **Player-Centric Approach:** Prioritise the well-being, development, and safety of players. Their growth as cricketers and individuals is our ultimate goal.
4. **Respect for Umpires:** Refrain from arguing with umpires during matches. Address concerns through appropriate channels, maintaining respect for their decisions.
5. **Positive Communication:** Foster open dialogue with players. Provide constructive feedback and motivate them to improve.
6. **Fair Play and Sportsmanship:** Instil the spirit of cricket. Uphold fair play, discourage sledging, and promote respect for opponents.
7. **Skill Development and Inclusion:** Tailor coaching methods to individual needs. Ensure equal opportunities for all players, regardless of skill level.
8. **Embrace Diversity:** Respect cultural backgrounds, abilities, and genders. Create an inclusive environment where everyone feels valued.
9. **Professional Development:** Continually enhance your coaching skills through certifications, workshops, and learning opportunities.
10. **Appreciate Volunteers:** Recognise the contributions of fellow coaches, administrators, and volunteers. Their dedication sustains the cricket club.
11. **Garda Vetting and Child Safeguarding:** All coaches must be Garda vetted and have completed Child Safeguarding training. This ensures the safety and well-being of our young cricketers.
12. **Mobile Phone Use:** Coaches are expected to be fully engaged during training sessions. The use of mobile phones during training is discouraged as it detracts from active coaching and can create a negative impression among parents who invest in their children's development through membership fees.

Remember, as a coach, your actions and behaviour significantly influence our young cricketers. Let us continue to uphold the spirit of cricket and the values of Clontarf Cricket Club. Thank you for your dedication and cooperation.

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