



Friday Night Cricket: Minis Coaching Code of Conduct (Engagement • Fun • Safety)

As a coach for our youngest players, you are the face of the club. Your goal is to make every child fall in love with cricket through high energy and a safe environment.

1. Preparation & Punctuality

- **The 10-Minute Mantra:** Arrive at least 10 minutes before your session begins. Lead Coaches should have sessions planned and, where possible, equipment set up so we hit the ground running.
- **The Huddle:** Check in with the Lead Coach immediately upon arrival. Know your role and your station.

2. Presence & High Engagement

- **Phone-Free Zone:** Keep your phone in your bag. Personal phone use is for emergencies only; the children need your full attention and energy.
- **Stay Focused:** Keep on-field chats centered on the session. Your engagement directly impacts the children's enjoyment.
- **Directing Queries:** If a parent approaches you with a concern, politely direct them to the Lead Volunteer on the night. This ensures consistent communication across the club.

3. Reliability & Communication for Young Coaches and their Parents/Guardians

- **The 24-Hour Courtesy:** Respond to all roster communications (texts/emails) within 24 hours. Reliable numbers are essential for child safety; "ghosting" will result in removal from the roster.
- **Notice of Absence:** If you cannot make a session, you must provide at least 24 hours' notice so we can find a replacement.

4. Safety, Vetting & Boundaries

- **Safeguarding First:** All coaches aged 16+ must have completed Garda Vetting and attended a Safeguarding course.
- **Professional Boundaries:** Maintain appropriate physical distance.
- **Spirit of Cricket:** Model the behavior we want to see. Be a role model in how you speak to players, parents, and fellow coaches.

5. Incident Response Checklist - In the event of an injury or safeguarding concern:

1. **Stop & Supervise:** If an injury occurs, stop the session immediately. Ensure the injured person is safe and the rest of the group is supervised.
2. **Notify:** Immediately escalate to the Lead Volunteer and Coach in charge for help.
3. **First Aid & Parents:** Lead coach and First Aid trained volunteer will be onsite to provide immediate and basic first aid, followed by contact with the parents as soon as it is safe.
4. **Emergency:** If instructed to do so, call emergency services at Dial 999/112.
5. **Record & Report:** Record the details (time, location, what happened) via voice note or text before leaving the club. Submit this to the CCO and Chair of Youth. Do not share incident details on social media or WhatsApp outside the CCO and Chair of Youth.

6. Emergency Contacts

- Emergency Services: 999 / 112
- CCO Club's Children's Officer (Safeguarding)
- FNC Committee Lead
- Chair of Youth Cricket
- Chair of the Club

Full contact details are available in the Member's Area or will be provided directly to all rostered coaches and lead coaches.

Important: All coaches must adhere to this Code of Conduct. Failure to do so may result in your removal from the coaching team or, in the case of serious breaches, further disciplinary action.

**Executive, Cricket and Youth Committee
Clontarf Cricket Club**