



CCC Youth Cricket Coaching: Standards & Code of Conduct

Overview

To maintain a high-quality environment for our players, all coaches must adhere to these standards. These conducts apply to both member and non-member youth coaches; appointment is based solely on CCC's strategic requirements, and club membership does not grant any automatic entitlement to coaching roles, particularly where the engagement is a paid employment. Meeting these expectations is a requirement for being rostered and staying on the coaching team.

1. Preparation & Punctuality

- **The 10-Minute Mantra:** You are required to arrive at least **10 minutes before** your session starts. Lead Coaches must arrive with sessions already planned and, where possible, set up in advance to ensure a timely start.
- **Check-In:** Immediately upon arrival, you must check in with the **Lead Coach** to clarify your role for the session. Clear communication ensures everyone is confident and aligned before the first ball is bowled.

2. Presence & Professionalism

- **Phone Policy:** To stay present and engaged with players, personal phone use must be kept to an absolute minimum and is only permitted for genuine emergencies.
- **Focused Coaching:** All on-field conversations must remain focused on the session. Players deserve your full attention and support at all times.
- **Handling Queries:** If a parent or outsider approaches you with a query or concern, politely direct them to the **Lead Manager or Chair of Youth**. This ensures all matters are handled consistently and appropriately.
- **Confidentiality & Duty of Care:** Information shared in this group is internal and can be considered highly confidential. Please conduct yourself with duty of care when you are interacting outside this group for matters related to our coaching programme and delivery.

3. Reliability & Communication

- **Response Time:** You must respond to all roster-related communications (texts/emails) within **24 hours**. "Ghosting" or failing to confirm availability will result in removal from the roster.
- **Absences:** If you cannot make a rostered session, you must provide at least **24 hours'** notice to allow for a replacement.

4. Safety & Boundaries

- **Role Model Status:** Maintain professional boundaries at all times. This includes appropriate physical distance and no 1:1 private messaging with junior players on any platform.
- **Spirit of Cricket:** Model the behaviour you expect. Respect umpires, opponents, and teammates without exception.
- **Garda vetting & Safeguarding:** Completed if you are 16 and older & safeguarding course attended.

5. CCC Incident Response Checklist

1. **Stop & Supervise:** Stop the session immediately. Ensure the injured person is safe and the rest of the group is supervised.
2. **Notify:** Immediately notify CCO & Chair of Youth.
3. **First Aid & Parents:** Provide basic first aid (if trained) and contact the player's parents as soon as it is safe to do so.
4. **Emergency:** Dial 999/112 for emergencies.



5. **Record & Report:** Record exactly what you saw, the time, and the location before leaving the club. Record voice notes on the phone or write down. Submit the report 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 or 112
- CCO Club's Children's Officer (Safeguarding)
- Chairperson 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 relevant team managers.

7. Match Day Responsibility: Lead Managers are responsible for running the match not you. Your responsibility is to assist the lead manager in managing the match. Please confirm you read the match day conduct and understood. Please refer to the appendix.

Agreement & Signature

These professional conducts and reliability are requirements for being rostered at Clontarf Cricket Club. These conducts must be read, understood and acknowledged before your involvement in youth coaching at Clontarf Cricket Club.

**Executive, Cricket and Youth Committee
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