



Clontarf Cricket Club: Youth Core Values

Developing People, Players, and a Sustainable Future

At Clontarf CC, our youth section is the heartbeat of our Mission: to promote cricket as a "game for life." We believe that a united, inclusive, and successful community is built when we balance the joy of the game with a relentless pursuit of Excellence.

1. Respect & Integrity (The Foundation)

We uphold the Spirit of Cricket in every action, on and off the field.

- **The Crest First:** We represent Clontarf with pride. This means respecting umpires, opponents, and volunteers without exception.
- **Honesty in Effort:** Integrity means giving 100% effort even when no one is watching. We arrive on time and ready to work, knowing that high standards at training lead to quality on match days.
- **Good Humans First:** We recognise that developing great people is the first step toward building a successful community club.

2. Excellence & Development (The Standard)

Participation is our starting point, but Excellence is our goal. We value engagement that drives progress.

- **The Urge to Compete:** We find Enjoyment in the challenge. While we value fun, we believe there is no substitute for the "urge to compete" and the drive to improve as a player and a team.
- **Resilience through Challenge:** Cricket is a game of highs and lows. We build character by "bouncing back" from mistakes. We embrace the pressure of competition as a tool to sharpen our skills.
- **Coachability:** We listen actively to our coaches. We understand that "Good Coaching = Good Cricketers," but only for those willing to do the work.

3. Inclusivity & Community (The Environment)

A United Club means every player—regardless of age, ability, or background—feels valued.

- **Anti-Superstarism:** No matter your skill level, you are part of a team. We have zero tolerance for "bad attitudes" or behavior that makes teammates doubt their confidence.
- **The Multiplier Effect:** Stronger players have a responsibility to lead with kindness. We use our talent to lift others, ensuring the environment remains welcoming and vibrant for everyone.
- **Kindness:** We check on teammates who are struggling. A supportive huddle is a high-performing huddle.

4. Sustainability & Pathways (The Future)

We are building Sustainable Pathways from youth to senior cricket.

- **A Marathon, Not a Sprint:** We value the "Late Bloomer" as much as the "Early Star." We focus on long-term growth over short-term results.
- **Leading for Tomorrow:** Today's youth players are tomorrow's senior captains. We take ownership of small tasks—like managing equipment or supporting peers—to prepare ourselves for the future of Clontarf CC.
- **A Game for Life:** We strive to create an atmosphere so positive and competitive that every player wants to remain a member of the Clontarf family for decades to come.

"Excellence is not a destination, but a continuous journey of Respect, Integrity, and Grit."