



CCC Youth Parent & Guardian: Standards & Code of Conduct

Developing Good Human Beings is the first process of developing good Cricketers, and Building a Great Club

At Clontarf, we believe the sidelines define the spirit of the game as much as the pitch does. Our goal is to develop not just skilled cricketers, but resilient team players. As a parent or guardian, your role is to manage expectations—both your own and your child's—to ensure a positive environment for everyone.

1. Managing Expectations: Team First

Cricket is a team game with fluctuating opportunities.

- **Your Cricket Journey:** It's a Marathon, Not a Sprint
- **The Reality:** On any given day, your child may not get to bat or bowl as much as they'd like.
- **The Mindset:** Help your child understand that being a "good cricketer" means contributing to the team's success from the field, the bench, or the crease.
- **Avoid "Star" Labels:** Refrain from telling your child they are "the best" or better than their peers. This creates unnecessary pressure and undermines the team bond. Instead, praise their **effort, improvement, and sportsmanship.**
- **Lead Manager:** Please remember that our Lead Managers are fellow parents and volunteers giving up their time for the entire squad; while they are verified leaders in cricket coaching and administration, they are also human and empowered to make subjective judgment calls based on the match, competition stage, or specific game situations. They may not always get it right, but they have our full support in striving for the best team outcome, so we ask for your kindness and a "team-first" perspective if you disagree with a decision that affects your individual child. Ultimately, they are responsible for looking after your child both on and off the pitch while they are playing cricket, and a lack of respect toward them only makes the environment worse for everyone.

2. Conduct on the Ground

- **Model Composure:** If you disagree with an umpire's call or a coaching decision, remain silent and respectful. Your child will mirror your reaction.
- **No interference:** Please do not interfere with the Lead Manager on their decision during the match or at training.
- **Positive Sidelines:** Cheer for the whole team. Foster an environment where every player feels supported, regardless of their performance.
- **Punctuality:** Respect the coaches' time by ensuring players arrive ready to go for all sessions and matches.

3. Addressing Concerns & Escalation

We understand that frustrations can arise. To ensure these are handled fairly and calmly, please follow our "**Cooling Off**" governance process.

Category A: Immediate Concerns (Safety & Wellbeing)

For matters involving **Bullying, Harassment, or Child Wellbeing**, do not wait. Contact our **Club Children's Officer (CCO)** or the **Chair of Youth** immediately.



Category B: Match Day, Selection, or Opportunity

If you are unhappy with a specific match-day event or selection choice:

1. **The 72-Hour Courtesy:** To avoid heat-of-the-moment conflicts, please wait 3 days before reaching out (e.g., for weekend matches, wait until **Tuesday**).
2. **In Writing:** Direct your concerns via email to the **Lead Manager**.
3. **Response:** You can expect a formal response by **Friday**.
4. **Further Escalation:** If the matter remains unresolved after the Lead Manager's response, you may then email the **Chairperson of Youth**.

4. Supporting the "Believe System"

Build your child's confidence by focusing on their **character**. A child who supports their teammates when they are out for a duck is just as valuable to Clontarf as the one who scores a century. Teach them that cricket is a game of highs and lows; how they handle the lows defines their success.

5. Representing Clontarf Cricket Club

Off the Field: As parent or guardian your conduct in the clubhouse, at away grounds, and on social media should always reflect well on Clontarf CC. Respect the club's volunteers, coaches, and facilities.

6. Parent/Guardian Acknowledgment & Agreement

I, the undersigned, have read and understood the Clontarf Youth Cricket Club Parent & Guardian Code of Conduct. By signing this document, I specifically acknowledge that:

Team First: I understand that cricket is a team sport and my child may not always bat or bowl in every match. I will encourage them to be a supportive teammate regardless of their individual role.

Positive Environment: I will refrain from "star player" labels and instead focus on my child's effort, improvement, and sportsmanship.

Conduct & Respect: I will model composure on the sidelines and respect the decisions of coaches and officials, even when I disagree.

Escalation Process: I agree to follow the 72-hour "Cooling Off" rule for match-day or selection concerns (contacting the Lead Manager in writing no sooner than Tuesday) and will only escalate to the Chair of Youth if a resolution is not reached by Friday.

Safety First: I understand that concerns regarding Bullying, Harassment, or Child Wellbeing should be reported immediately to the CCO or Chair of Youth.

Player Name(s): _____

Player Age group or Date of Birth: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (Print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____