



CCC Youth Cricket Playing Member: Standards & Code of Conduct

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

At Clontarf Cricket Club, our core **principle** is simple: Good Coaching = Good Cricketers. To achieve this, we need every player to commit to a positive, professional, and supportive team environment. By wearing the Clontarf crest, you agree to uphold these standards at training and in competition.

1. Team-First Mentality

- **Supportive Spirit:** Celebrate your teammates' successes as much as your own. Whether it's a great catch or a tough over, keep your communication positive and encouraging.
- **Selfless Play:** Prioritise the team's needs over individual stats. Be willing to play different roles to help the team succeed.
- **Lead by Example:** Kindness and empathy are the cornerstones of our community. Avoid bullying, "sledging," or taking unfair advantage of others.
- **Avoid Superstarism:** Avoid telling teammates that you are better than others, even if you are one of the stronger cricketers in the group. Remember: you need a partner to complete a run, a fielder to catch the ball to secure a wicket, and a friend to lift you up when things aren't going your way.

2. Your Cricket Journey: It's a Marathon, Not a Sprint

Remember, everyone develops at a different pace. Your "cricketing journey" is unique to you, and where you are today isn't where you will be in five years.

- **The "Early Stars":** Some players are the strongest in their youth teams but might not play senior cricket later on. Being the best at age 12 doesn't guarantee being the best at age 20.
- **The "Late Bloomers":** Many world-class cricketers weren't the strongest players in their youth teams. Through hard work and patience, they became the best in their club, their region, and even their country as adults.
- **The Secret to Success:** Don't compare your "Chapter 1" to someone else's "Chapter 10." If you aren't the strongest player right now, keep working hard—your best cricket is likely still ahead of you!
- **Individual Contribution vs Team:** Individual contribution is hugely important for any team sport but not at the detriment of your team let it be on or off the field.

3. Professionalism & Respect

- **Punctuality:** Arrive on time and ready to get started. Being late is disrespectful to your coaches and teammates who are giving up their time.
- **The Spirit of Cricket:** Always respect the umpire's decision without dissent. Treat your opponents with the same respect you expect in return.
- **Responsibility:** Take pride in our club. Offer help, assist with setting up equipment before training/matches and clearing the ground after training/matches.



4. Commitment to Growth

- **Coachability:** Listen actively to your coaches and follow instructions. We are here to develop your skills for the long term, not just for a single match result.
- **Play Hard, Play Fair:** Give 100% effort in every drill and every ball. High standards at training lead to high-quality performance on match days.
- **Resilience:** Cricket is a challenging game that tests your character as much as your skill. To keep our team environment positive, we ask all players to keep these four things in mind:
 1. **Bounce Back from Mistakes:** Everyone makes mistakes—it's how you learn! Instead of letting a tough moment bring down your mood or the team's energy, focus on what you can do better next time.
 2. **The "Team First" Approach:** You might not always get to bat or bowl exactly where or when you'd like. Patience is key! Your contribution to the team's success is more important than individual stats.
 3. **Understanding the Competition:** Our Lead Managers work hard to balance the game:
 - a. **In League and Friendlies:** We focus on giving everyone a fair opportunity to develop their skills.
 - b. **In Cup Competitions:** These are "knock-out" games, so we play more competitively.
 4. **Patience is key.**

5. Representing Clontarf Cricket Club

- **Off the Field:** Your conduct in the clubhouse, at away grounds, and on social media should always reflect well on Clontarf CC.
- **Safety & Gear:** Wear the correct club kit and protective equipment at all times. Look after your gear, write your names so they can be tracked if they are lost or misplaced,

6. Respect the club:

Respect the club's volunteers, coaches, and facilities.

Player Commitment:

I have read and understood the Clontarf Youth Player Code of Conduct. I commit to being a positive teammate and working hard to develop my skills while representing the club with pride.

Youth Member's Name: _____

Age Group or Date of Birth: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Youth or Parent's Signature: _____

Date: _____