

Hi all, from Club's Children's Officer

As the season commences, I wish to bring to your attention, as the FAI recently reminded us, the importance of the Codes of Practice/Conduct for Coaches, Parents and Children.

Attached is the updated version of the Coaches code based on the guidelines laid out by the FAI and I would ask you all to re-familiarise yourselves with them. The code of practice is a condensed version of what is on our website.

Since it is the start of the season, you should ensure that parents and children have read and agreed the Code of Conduct when they were registering their membership with the club, if you haven't done so already. It is a way of reminding the parents of how the FAI guidelines refer to them. I would emphasise once again the importance of parents attending sessions and matches particularly for the very young players. If they are not able to attend, they should make arrangements for another parent to drop and collect their child as well supervising them during this time. It is not the coach's job to do this, **under no circumstances should a coach give lifts to players unless they have their own child present in the car. Otherwise a second adult is required to be present in the car.**

The players should be reminded to respect their coach and fellow team members, the opposition and referee's decision. Young players must be given a fair amount of playing time (half a game minimum), so this may have to be explained once again to players of stronger ability.

The Coaches code is a list of rules of best practice, which coaches are obliged to adhere to, in order to protect themselves, the Club and most importantly the safety of the players. You are requested to sign this at the earliest opportunity and return it to me or to a member of the Executive Committee as we are now required to keep a copy in our office.

I also attach a Garda vetting (GV) form in case you require to update your GV clearance or if you have any new person helping you with looking after the team.

Wishing you all a successful season and please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Kind regards,

Lucy Cusack  
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