



# Valley Rovers

## CLUB CODE OF CONDUCT



Valley Rovers FC is a voluntary community based club working in partnership with players and their families. The aim of the Club is to develop the soccer skills of all players in a friendly and safe environment.

The Club has been fortunate that poor player behaviour has not been an issue. We intend this to continue and have prepared a Code of Conduct, based on FAI Guidelines.

There is no room for misbehaviour or any actions, which would damage the good reputation of our club and the sporting progress of each individual club player.

All players and parents and Coaches are expected to abide by the Club Code of Conduct.

Failure to do so may result in the temporary/permanent removal of the individual from the Club.

### **Managers and Coaches Code of Conduct**

Managers and Coaches in children's sport should strive to create a positive environment for the children in their care. They have overall responsibility to take the steps necessary to ensure that positive healthy experiences are provided.

#### **Managers and Coaches should:**

- Be confident and qualified.
- Be positive, enthusiastic and cheerful.
- Reinforce the principles of fair play.
- Give feedback in a constructive and encouraging manner.
- Encourage an active healthy lifestyle.
- Involve parents/guardians as much as possible.
- Avoid situations or conduct that could offend or be misinterpreted in any way. Always display the correct and appropriate behaviour to others.
- Ensure that each player is dressed correctly for training sessions and games with necessary equipment (full kit), shin pads etc. before being allowed to train or play.
- Undertake to actively ensure compliance to this Code of Conduct by drawing attention to your Club officials any non-compliance.
- Managers / Coaches in children's sport should strive to create a positive environment for the players in their care. They have an overall responsibility to take the steps necessary to ensure that positive and healthy experiences are provided.
- Sports managers / coaches should:
  - Recognize that they themselves are human and will not get it right all the time!
  - The Manager / Coach should maintain the highest standard of personal conduct and support the principles of fair play. Coaches are given a position of trust by parents and players, and are therefore expected to show the highest standards of behaviour while in the company of under age players.
  - The coach must consistently display high personal standards and project a favourable image of the club, the game of soccer and of coaching - to other players, coaches, officials,

spectators, and the general public. Personal appearance is a matter of individual taste but the coach has an obligation to project an image of health, cleanliness and functional efficiency.

➤ Coaches should not drink alcohol before coaching such that their judgment may be impaired and the smell of alcohol will still be on their breath when working with players. Under no circumstances should young players be in the proximity of alcohol, irrespective of the occasion.

➤ As persons responsible for the well-being of young people it is inappropriate to smoke in their presence. Remember that young people need a coach whom they can respect. Be aware of the effect you have on growing children. Lead by example.

➤ Create a safe and enjoyable environment in which to train and play, players should be kept under control at all times and show respect for any equipment or facilities that may be made available for their use.

➤ Be aware of any medical condition that any of your players might suffer from, i.e. asthma etc.

➤ Never criticize the referee or assistant referee during or after a match in front of players or spectators. Ensure that all your players know that bullying by managers/coaches or by fellow players whether verbal or physical will not be tolerated.

➤ Those working with young people should be aware that certain situations or friendly actions could be misinterpreted by the player or by outsiders. This could lead to allegations of impropriety. When working with young players you should do so in an open environment. Where ever possible there should be at least two adults present in changing rooms at all time.

➤ Confidentiality must be maintained throughout all stages of dealing with any complaint. Only those who need to know about a complaint should be given information.

***I have read, understood and agree to abide by the Valley Rovers Soccer Club Code of Conduct.***

***(Parents/Guardians should read and explain the Code of Conduct to younger players).***

**COACHES NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**Block Capital)**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO CLUB SECRETARY**