



## ***Castleknock Hurling & Football Club Cumann Báire agus Peile Chaisleán***

### Castleknock Juvenile Section Code of Conduct

The objective of the Juvenile section is to teach players the skills of Gaelic games and to facilitate the exercise of those skills in a competitive and fun way.

We wish to foster an atmosphere of respect, discipline, learning and fun at games and training sessions. Players will learn sporting values during their juvenile playing days which will remain with them for life. In order to demonstrate sporting values, there is a basic code of behaviour which each player, mentor and spectator is expected to maintain. Among the key elements of the code of conduct are:

- Players should attend training sessions and matches on time and with the proper equipment.
- Players should play and train with commitment and in a competitive but fair manner.
- Players should show respect to team-mates, referees, mentors and spectators of both teams.
- This means that there should be no answering back, criticism or abuse of other players, spectators, mentors or the referee.
- Players should not swear or use bad language to another player, mentor or spectator.
- What happens on the pitch stays on the pitch. After the match, players should shake hands with the opposition and behave in a sporting fashion no matter what the result of the game.

Mentors should show respect to players, match officials and opposition.

Mentors should set a positive example to players- this means that they should:-

- Avoid the use of bad language in front of juvenile players.
- Smoking in the presence of juvenile players is discouraged.
- Mentors should not criticise match officials.
- Mentors should provide positive feedback and reinforcement to players in coaching and during matches.
- Spectators and parents of players should provide positive, encouraging support to teams.
- Negative comments and criticism of players are strongly discouraged.
- Parents and spectators should not criticise match officials or players and mentors from either team.
- Parents and mentors should not enter the field of play during a game unless invited to do so by a match official or mentor.

The above guidelines are in place in order to ensure a positive, supportive environment for players during their juvenile playing career, and we earnestly request your support for their implementation in 2005.

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