



Fair Play is the guiding principle of the FAI's Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Children's Sport. It states that *"All children's sports should be conducted in an atmosphere of fair play"*.

Ballinroad FC fully supports the above and sets out below its Codes of Conduct for Parents and Children:

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR CHILDREN

- ✓ Play for enjoyment, not just to please your parents/guardians or coaches.
- ✓ Play by the rules of the Game & always accept the referee's decision.
- ✓ Play for yourself and your team, play with control and do not lose your temper.
- ✓ Be a "goodsport". Applaud all good play whether by your team or the opponent team.
- ✓ Respect your manager/coach, and your opponents.
- ✓ Remember that the goals of the game are to have fun, improve your skills, and feel good.
- ✓ At the final whistle applaud and thank your opponents and the referee for the match.
- ✓ Play fair. Tackle hard but fairly; do not intend to hurt your opponent.
- ✓ You must not bring the club into disrepute by your actions/conduct on or off the playing field.
- ✓ Bullying and racism of any kind whether verbal or through any misuse of social media/online technology will not be tolerated.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS

- ✓ Encourage your child, always to play by the rules of the game.
- ✓ Remember, young people are involved in Soccer for their enjoyment, not yours.
- ✓ Teach young children that honest endeavour is as important as winning.
- ✓ Encourage skill improvement and good sportsmanship & set a good example by applauding good play on both sides.
- ✓ Never ridicule, humiliate, or shout at young players for making a mistake or losing a match.
- ✓ Do not place emphasis on winning at all costs.
- ✓ Do not force an unwilling child to participate in playing soccer.
- ✓ As a spectator, do not use profane language or harass referees, coaches, players, or spectators.
- ✓ Do not publicly question the referee's judgement.
- ✓ Recognise the value and importance of volunteer Managers, Coaches, committee, and referees.
- ✓ Encourage your child to have respect for team-mates, opponents, referees, and spectators.
- ✓ Make your child aware that bullying and racism whether verbal or through misuse of online technology will not be tolerated.
- ✓ You must not bring the club into disrepute by your actions/conduct on or off the playing field.
- ✓ Have respect for coaches and provide as much help as possible.