

HODSON BAY CELTIC - Football Club

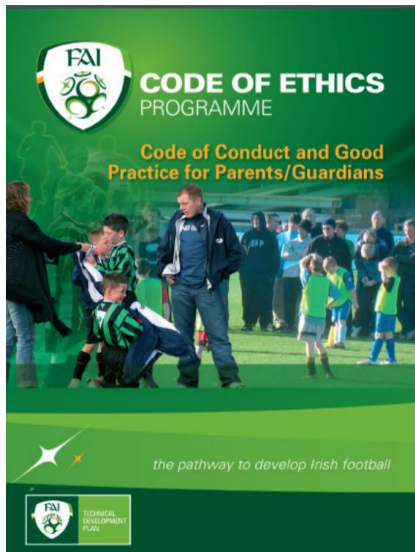
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Hodson Bay Celtic FC's Code of Conduct for Parents



Adopted from the FAI Code of Conduct and Good Practice for Parents / Guardians.

Parents / guardians play an important role in promoting children's happiness and success in football and sport in general. Parental expectations and behaviour have a significant bearing on children's attitude and behaviour while participating in football. Parents / guardians need to be aware of why children want to play football. Children want to learn new skills, make new friends, be part of a group, to win and be successful, experience challenges, excitement and action. While winning is important, it must be remembered that winning at all costs does not meet the needs of players. Results are not necessarily a good indicator of coaching effectiveness or ability; the improvement level of players and their level of enjoyment is.

Support and encouragement from parents / guardians will contribute to children having:

- A sense of personal achievement, an enjoyment of soccer.
- Improved physical fitness and a greater level of skill.
- Higher self-esteem and improved social skills.

It is important to:

- Encourage but not force children to be active. Know when he/she is ready to play.
- Encourage healthy lifestyle habits.
- Attend training and games where possible and support coaches in the management of bathroom breaks
- Promote and teach FAIR PLAY.
- Respect - teach your child to treat referees, other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, colour, sex or ability.
- Help children to set realistic targets and assist children with decision making.

Parents/Guardians should not:

- Ignore or dismiss complaints or concerns expressed by a child which relate to his/her involvement in soccer.
- Ridicule or shout at a child for losing a game or making a mistake.
- Be aware of start time and finish time of training. Parents need to remain with their children until a coach is present, so there can be no dropping off and leaving of a child unsupervised.
- Take safety for granted, especially when dropping off/collecting children from training/matches.
- While at matches refrain from shouting instructions at your child or others.
- Put undue pressure on any child to please or perform well.
- Most importantly parents / guardians should: "Lead by example"

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Parent / Coach Co-Operation

It is important that parents / guardians establish contact with the individual responsible for coaching their child. In addition, parents / guardians should:

- Remember Coaches are volunteers. They give up their time for the benefit of the players and the club and deserve to be appreciated for the efforts
- Communicate with the coach when your child is unavailable to play/train.
- Ensure that children have paid their membership
- Give the coach help when asked and show appreciation for a job well done.
- Support the coach's and referee decisions. These individuals are only doing their best and need support.
- Inform the coach about any illness, injury, holidays, etc.
- Make an effort to attend training and games.
- Communicate any concerns you may have to the coach.
- Make sure the child has appropriate equipment/clothing/refreshments.
- Encourage & Promote FAIR PLAY and do not instil a "win at all costs" attitude in children.
- Be positive or be quiet, negative comments are counter-productive.
- Be prepared to be asked to leave by officials or club personnel if behaviour is contrary to the definition of FAIR PLAY.

Parents / Guardians should never:

- Insult players or club personnel.
- Argue with, or shout abuse at officials and they should actively discourage children or young players from doing likewise.
- Suggest or encourage cheating, aggressive or "dirty" play
- Placing undue or inappropriate criticism on a player, causing the player unnecessary or unhealthy levels of stress.
- Behave with physical or verbal aggression towards another person (actually use force or threaten the use of force).

NOTE: if the club feel that there has been a breach of the above rules a sanction may take place.