

## A sample code of conduct for parents, for use by sports organisations. Created by the NSPCC Child Protection in Sport Unit.

### Code of conduct for parents and carers

**Note:** Where we refer to ‘parents’ we mean parents and carers inclusively. The term ‘children’ or ‘child’ describes any person under the age of 18.

#### As a parent of a child taking part in our club or activity, we’d like you to:

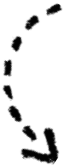
##### The essentials

- ✓ make sure your child has the right kit, food and drink for the session
- ✓ that your child arrives to sessions on time and is picked up promptly - inform us if you’re running late or your child is going home with someone else
- ✓ complete all consent, contact and medical forms, and update us if anything changes
- ✓ make sure your child wears any protective kit provided
- ✓ be respectful of everyone participating (coaches, staff, volunteers, officials, young people, parents and other teams and staff)
- ✓ build and maintain a relationship with your child’s coach or trainer – have check ins to support your child’s development
- ✓ talk to us if you have any concerns about any part of your child’s involvement, we’d love to hear from you!

##### Behaviour

- ✓ take time to talk to your child about their *sport or activity* what they want to achieve while taking part
- ✓ listen to your child if they say don’t want to do something and ask them why - sudden changes in behaviour could indicate something bigger is going on
- ✓ behave positively and encourage your child and their peers
- ✓ let your child know you’re proud of them
- ✓ respect and accept the official’s judgment and do not enter the field of play
- ✓ use social media and apps responsibly when communicating on our channels, in line with our code of conduct and policies
- ✓ talk to your child about embracing sportsmanship
- ✓ encourage your child to play by the rules
- ✓ ensure that your child understands their code of conduct

## As a parent, we understand you have the right to:

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- ✓ be assured that your child is safeguarded during their time with us
  - ✓ see any of our policies and procedures at any time
  - ✓ know who the welfare officer or safeguarding lead is and have their contact details
  - ✓ be involved and contribute towards decisions within our *club or activity*
  - ✓ know what training and qualifications our staff have
  - ✓ be informed of problems or concerns that involve or affect your child
  - ✓ know what happens if there's an accident or injury and how this will be dealt with
  - ✓ be informed if your child is injured and see records of any incidents
  - ✓ have your consent sought for anything outside of our initial consent form, such as permission for trips or photography
  - ✓ have any concerns you may raise listened and responded to

We expect all parents to follow the behaviours and requests set out in this code. If any parent behaves in a way which contradicts any of the points set out above, we'll address the problem with the parent and aim to resolve the issue promptly.

Persistent concerns or breaches may result in parents being asked not to attend games if their attendance is considered a risk to our young participants, staff, volunteers, parents, and impact on others enjoyment.

**Continued issues and repeated breaches of this code may result in us regrettably asking your child to leave the activity, event or club permanently, something we never want to do.**

Signature of parent or carer:

Print name:

Date: