CASTLE VILLA AFC

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Underage Players Code of Conduct

Underage players in Castle Villa AFC are entitled to:

- Be safe
- Be treated with dignity, sensitivity and respect
- Participate in football on an equal basis, appropriate to their age, ability and stage of development
- Be happy, have fun and enjoy football
- Make a complaint in an appropriate way and have it dealt with through a proper and effective complaints procedure
- Be listened to and to be believed
- Be afforded appropriate confidentiality
- Have a voice in the running of the club (via their Parents/Guardian – they have a vote at AGM/EGM's)

Children should also be encouraged to realise that they also have responsibilities to treat other children, fellow players, referees, coaches and volunteers with the same degree of fairness and respect.

In this regard children in Castle Villa AFC should undertake to:

- play fairly, do my best and have fun
- train hard and practise my skills often so that I can improve.
- greet my coach or manager by name at the beginning of the session and thank him/her by name at the end.
- be on my best behaviour at all times.
- abide by all club rules & match rules monitored by match officials/referees
- make high standards of Fair Play the standard others want to follow
- respect opponents and match officials/referees, they are not the enemy, they are partners in a sporting event
- shake hands before/after the match, whoever wins.
- give opponents a hand if they are injured, put the ball out of play so they can get attention
- accept apologies from opponents when they are offered, and give apologies when you have wronged
- respect fellow team members and support them both when they do well and when things go wrong
- treat all players with the same respect I show other people
- be modest in victory and be gracious in defeat- *"Be A Sport".*

- approach the club Children's Officers (see below) with any questions or concerns they might have.
- take care of club gear, balls, and rented or public facilities
- let my coach or manager know right away if I feel unwell, am injured, or do not feel safe.
- be respectful on social media and in group chats.

Children in Castle Villa AFC shall not:

- cheat
- use physical violence, rough play, bullying tactics, laugh at others, or isolate other players.
- jeer/taunt opponents
- use foul, abusive, racist, sectarian, or homophobic language.
- argue with the referee, officials, coaches/managers, team mates or opponents
- use physical contact apart from when it is allowed within the rules of the game
- tell lies about adults or other children
- spread rumours
- take banned substances to improve performance
- keep secrets about any person who may have caused them harm
- behave in any manner that may bring the name of Castle Villa AFC into disrepute.
- use social media or other forms of communication to mock, bully, or talk down about teammates, opponents, coaches, or match officials.
- send mean messages or share hurtful posts about anyone.

Speak Up

If I feel unsafe or see bullying, I will tell a coach or club official, parent or guardian, or one of the club's Child Welfare Officers
I know that it's okay to ask for help.

The Club's Child Protection Officer(s) are:

- **Lee Doyle (085 882 8552)**
- **Holly Murphy (087 298 5130)**

Please feel free to speak to them should you, or your children have concerns for the welfare of any child.

Alan Proctor (086 197 0080) is the Club's Designated Liaison Person (DLP) for Child Protection, and shall consult with the FAI (affiliated bodies and/or Leagues), Garda and Tusla as deemed necessary.

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