CASTLE VILLA AFC

Founded 1969

Parents/Guardians Code of Conduct

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game. Parents have a significant influence on children's enjoyment and success in football. Children play football because they first and foremost love the game – it's FUN. Remember children's football is a time for them to develop and learn. We want them to win but not at all costs. Play your part by supporting your child, supporting the FAI's Player Development Plan and observing this Code of Conduct at all times.

The behaviour of a team's supporters will often be remembered long after the result of the game. Be remembered for the right reasons.

Parents/guardians and spectators are expected to:

- Undertake not to behave in any manner that may bring the name of Castle Villa AFC into disrepute.
- Let the coach do the coaching and not confuse the players by telling them what to do.
- Remain outside the field of play or within Designated Spectators' Areas, if defined
- Respect the rules and procedures set down by Castle Villa AFC in the Code of Ethics for Children in Sport.
- Respect children's teammates and their parents, managers, coaches, referees, officers and officials, as well as other players, their parents, managers, coaches, referees, officers and officials from opposing teams.
- Encourage children to treat all participants, managers, coaches, referees, officers and officials with respect.
- Be a role model for children, maintaining the highest standards of conduct & respect when interacting with children, other parents, with referees, officials and organisers
- Never intentionally expose any young participant to embarrassment or disparagement by the use of flippant or sarcastic remarks. Never demonstrate threatening or abusive behaviour or use foul language.
- Never use foul, abusive, racist, sectarian, or homophobic language.
- Encourage and applaud only positive accomplishments whether from all children or the officials. Encourage mutual respect for teammates and opponents.
- Set a good example by applauding good play on both sides. Parents should support all efforts to remove abusive behaviour and bullying behaviour in all its forms.

- Always recognise the value and importance of the volunteers who provide sporting opportunities for your child. Do not publicly question the judgement or honesty of referees, managers, coaches, officials, officers or organisers. Respect referees, managers, coaches, officials, officers, organisers and other players.
    - Respect managers/coaches and support his/her efforts, and speak to them privately if the need arises
    - Respect the officials and their authority during sessions and events.
- Encourage your child to play by the rules. Teach your child that honest endeavour is as important as winning and do all you can to encourage good sportsmanship. Always behave responsibly and do not seek to unfairly affect the game / player(s).
- Stay and supervise sessions, (for safety and supervision, not necessarily for their 'technical expertise') if asked by a manager or coach. Depending on numbers they may need help.
- Be present at finishing time of training sessions and matches to collect your children.
- Ensure that the training session or match is going ahead before dropping children to Football grounds. **DO NOT LEAVE CHILDREN UNATTENDED AT FOOTBALL GROUNDS.**
- Make every effort to ensure your child attends all matches arranged on time, whether at home or away. Letting down teammates does not show respect. Should Castle Villa AFC be unable to field a team for a match, the Club is fined heavily by the KDUL, SFAI, or FAI. This risks the viability of the Club and other teams in a league. Any team repeatedly unable to field a match team shall be withdrawn from the respective league.
- Respect guidelines around photography and videography. We understand that parents/guardians wish to have and share memories of their children & friends playing team sports, and may wish to take images or recordings during matches, in a public setting. Please ensure that surrounding opposition players are incidental to your personal family recording during a match, and avoid zooming in (or singling out) the facial features of opposition players. Please note that opposition Club grounds may have total banning policies in place. Check with the Castle Villa AFC Team Manager if you are unsure as to permissions applicable.
- Be respectful on social media and in group chats.
- Understand that if the Code of Conduct is not followed, action may be taken by the club, and if necessary, the KDUL/KDFL or National Association in line with relevant disciplinary processes

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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