



## **Colemanstown United Football Club**

### **Parents, Guardians & Spectators Policy**





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## Colemanstown United Football Club Parents, Guardians & Spectators Policy

### 1. Environment

- 1.1 Colemanstown United Football Club (the Club) wishes to provide the best possible environment for all people involved in the sport. All participants, deserve to be given enjoyable, safe sporting opportunities and experiences, free from abuse of any kind.
- 1.2 We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game.
- 1.3 Players have rights, which must be respected, and also responsibilities to treat other participants and sports leaders with fairness and respect, which they must accept.
- 1.4 Spectators have a significant influence on enjoyment and success in football and at match time.
- 1.5 Parents, Guardians & Spectators have a significant influence on children's enjoyment and success in football. Children play football because they love the game, it's fun. Remember children's football is a time for them to enjoy, develop and learn.

### 2. As a spectator I will

- 2.1 Applaud effort and good play
- 2.2 Always respect the match officials' decisions.
- 2.3 Try not to show superficial support to the referee because the call went 'your' way. Avoid comments such as 'good call ref' or 'thanks ref'.
- 2.4 Lead by example and never harass or shout at the referee or officials.
- 2.5 Remain outside the field of play or within the Designated Spectators' Areas.
- 2.6 Avoid walking up and down all game along the side-lines.
- 2.7 Leave the coaching to the managers and coaches whose job it is.
- 2.8 Make positive comments from the side-line. Be encouraging.
- 2.9 Avoid criticising a player for making a mistake.
- 2.10 Avoid making any negative comments about players on the other team.
- 2.11 Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting, or abusive language or behaviour.





### 3. As a parent/guardian I will

- 3.1 Remember that children play for FUN
- 3.2 Applaud effort and good play.
- 3.3 Always respect the match officials' decisions.
- 3.4 Try not to show superficial support to the referee because the call went 'your' way. Avoid comments such as 'good call ref' or 'thanks ref'.
- 3.5 Lead by example and never harass or shout at the referee or officials.
- 3.6 Encourage the players to respect the opposition, referee and officials.
- 3.7 Remain outside the field of play or within the Designated Spectators' Areas.
- 3.8 Avoid walking up and down all game along the side-lines.
- 3.9 Leave the coaching to the managers and coaches whose job it is.
- 3.10 Let the coach do their job and not confuse the players by telling them what to do.
- 3.11 Support the coach pre-match with pitch set up and post match with pitch tidy
- 3.12 Encourage your child, and others, or be quiet. Praise effort and performance, not results.
- 3.13 Make positive comments from the side-line. Be encouraging. You can often see a young player make that extra effort when they hear encouraging words from the side-line about their hustle.
- 3.14 Avoid criticising a player for making a mistake – mistakes are part of learning.
- 3.15 Avoid making any negative comments about players on the other team. This should be simple: we are talking about youngsters, not adults.
- 3.16 Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting, or abusive language or behaviour.
- 3.17 Support the coach's decisions and discuss any concerns directly with the coach after the game.
- 3.18 Do not complain about your son or daughter's coaches to other parents.
- 3.19 Do not discuss the play of specific young players in front of other parents, children or players.
- 3.20 Try to keep interaction with parents on the other team as healthy and positive as possible.
- 3.21 Watch and be familiar with the Coach/Parents Education Video on [www.fai.ie](http://www.fai.ie).





**4. Publicity**

4.1 A copy of this policy is cited on the club website [www.colemanstownunited.com](http://www.colemanstownunited.com).

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