

# ARKLOW TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB



## CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MANAGERS AND COACHES



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Arklow Town FC gratefully acknowledges the commitment provided by team managers, coaches and parent volunteers who give of their time freely in order to promote the club and the game. The Code of Conduct exists to protect children and adults alike.

- ✓ Managers, Coaches, Parents and Guardians should show respect for all players and officials and lead by example. Respect should always be shown to Referees and recognition given to their official position on the pitch.
  - ✓ Managers and Coaches should ensure a safe environment for learning and development.
  - ✓ Managers and Coaches should be aware of the basic Ground Regulations and Pitch User Rules which are in force for venues run by Arklow Town FC and should ensure that players for whom they have responsibility adhere to the Ground Regulations at all times.
  - ✓ Managers and Coaches should be familiar with the FAI Goalpost Safety Guidelines and should check the safety and security of goal frames before all training sessions and games. At no time should a player be permitted to climb on or swing from a goal frame.
- ✓ Managers and Coaches should encourage and promote Road Safety Awareness in line with the club policy.
  - ✓ Young players play for fun and enjoyment. Therefore skill development and playing for fun take precedent over highly structured competition. Winning is not the only objective.
  - ✓ Managers and Coaches should help and encourage young players to develop basic skills and sportsmanship and they should avoid over specialisation in positional play during the formative years.

### IMPORTANT NOTE

All Coaches, Managers, Parent  
Volunteers and Committee Members  
involved with Arklow Town FC must  
comply with the club policy in relation  
to vetting.

- ✓ Managers and Coaches should ensure that all players are aware that bullying - verbal and physical - will not be tolerated.
- ✓ In relation to young players, Managers and Coaches should ensure that all players participate and should note that all players require and deserve equal playing time and attention. Do not overburden young players with too much instruction.
- ✓ Managers and Coaches should advise players and parents on the procedures in place should they wish to make a complaint.



**Where possible, Managers and Coaches should avoid:**

- Spending excessive amounts of time with children away from others.
- Taking sessions alone. Always employ "two deep" supervision.
- Taking children to their homes.
- Taking other people's children on journeys alone in a car.

**Managers and Coaches should never:**

- Engage in rough physical games, including horseplay, with children.
- Allow children to use inappropriate language.
- Make inappropriate comments about or to a child - even in fun.
- Let allegations a child makes go without being addressed and recorded.

ARKLOW TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB, IN PROVIDING GUIDELINES, DOES NOT ATTEMPT TO GIVE PROFESSIONAL ADVICE IN RELATION TO THESE ISSUES. ANY PARTY WITH A LEGAL QUERY SHOULD SEEK APPROPRIATE LEGAL ADVICE ON THE ISSUES CONCERNED.