



Westport AC Code of Conduct for Children and Young Athletes

Westport AC wishes to provide the best possible environment for all of its members. It is our intention to provide an enjoyable and safe sporting environment for the children.

Sport should be safe, fun and conducted in a spirit of fair play

As a child or young person you are entitled to the best possible environment to participate in sport. You deserve to be given enjoyable, safe sporting opportunities, free of abuse of any kind. You have rights, which must be respected, and responsibilities that you must accept. You are encouraged to treat other athletes and team officials with fairness and respect.

You are entitled to:

- Be safe and to feel safe.
- Be listened to.
- Be believed.
- Be treated with dignity, sensitivity, and respect.
- Have a voice in your club
- Participate on an equal and non-discriminatory basis
- Have fun and enjoy sport
- Experience competition at a level at which you feel comfortable
- Make complaints and have them dealt with
- Get help against bullies
- Say no
- To protect your body
- Confidentiality

You should always:

- Treat Coaches/ Leaders and other athletes with respect.
- Be aware that the Westport Sports Complex is a shared Facility, courtesy must be shown at all times.
- Always act fairly and do your best in competition.
- Respect other club members
- Respect opponents and be gracious in defeat
- Abide by the club policies set down by the coaches both at training and when travelling to away events, refer to our Competitions and Training Policy Here. (Add Hyperlink)
- Talk to the Children's Officer if there is a problem.
- Attend training in accordance with the club competition and training policy and with approved Westport AC coaches. A full list of approved coaches can be found on our Website Here. (Add Hyperlink)

You should never:

- Cheat
- Use violence or physical contact that is not allowed within the rules
- Shout or argue with athletes or coaches.
- Cause harm or damage property
- Bully or use bullying tactics to isolate, offend or hurt another athlete either physically or verbally. This includes the use of mobile phones/texts; inappropriate use of cameras or camera phones and do exercise caution and sensitivity to other athletes when using social networking sites such as Snapchat etc.
- Take banned substances
- Tell lies
- Spread rumours
- Keep secrets, especially if you have been caused harm.
- Engage in any criminal or illegal activities.

Mobile Phones

- Athletes are not permitted to carry/use mobile phones during training sessions.
- If athletes need to be contacted at training sessions, please advise or contact the head Coach.

Note

Breaches to code of conduct may result in athletes /teams being withdrawn from training and/or competition

Continuous breaches of the code of conduct may result in athlete(s) being excluded from the club.