



### **Westport AC Code of Conduct for Parents/Guardians**

- Be a role model for your child and maintain the highest standards of conduct when interacting with children, coaches, parents, volunteers with officials and organizers.
- Always behave responsibly and do not seek to unfairly interfere with the competition or training that your child is participating in.
- Always recognize the value and importance of the volunteers who engage in sporting/recreational opportunities for your child. Do not publicly question the judgment or honesty of officials, coaches, organizers, or other athletes. Never interfere with coaches during training or competition. You are encouraged to voice any queries/concerns/grievances you may have with the coach in question at the end of the training session or to the Children Club Officer.
- Encourage your child to participate within the rules. Teach your child that honest endeavor is as important as winning and to do all they can to encourage good sportsmanship.
- Set a good example by applauding other participants. Encourage mutual respect for individual competitors, teammates and all participants in specific events.
- Parents should never confront coaches, leaders or other parents/guardians in front of children or in public places/events.
- Help your child to recognise good performance, not just results.
- Never force your child to take part in sport.
- Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes.
- Publicly accept official's judgments.
- Support your child's involvement and help them to enjoy their sport.
- Use correct and proper language at all times.
- Encourage and guide athletes to accept responsibility for their own performance and behaviour.

- Parking is at Scoil Padraig, it is the responsibility of you the parents to ensure children arrive at the track on time for training and return them to you their parents after training. Westport AC is only responsible for the children when they are on track or in other training areas.
- Be aware that the Westport Sports Complex is a share facility; courtesy must be shown to all users of the changing rooms and toilets.
- Contact the club's children club officer if you feel your child is being treated unfairly. The welfare officer is obliged to bring these concerns before the committee for discussion. The welfare officer is obliged to communicate the committee's decisions regarding the matter with the parent/guardian
- In relation to club activities all athletes must comply to club policies in relation to Westport AC training and competition policy.
- Failure to adhere to club policies can impact child/children's club membership.