

# Blessington Player Code of Conduct



## Blessington Football Club Together Everyone Achieves More

When a young person signs a membership form as a player with **Blessington AFC** they are agreeing to abide by this Code of Behaviour and to **any other policies or codes** in our Club and National Governing Body.

### YOUNG PLAYERS should be entitled to:

- ✓ Be safe and feel safe.
- ✓ Have fun, enjoy playing football
- ✓ Be treated with respect, dignity and sensitivity.
- ✓ Comment and make suggestions in a constructive manner.
- ✓ Be afforded appropriate confidentiality.
- ✓ Participate in games and competitions at levels with which they feel comfortable.
- ✓ Make their concerns known and have them dealt with in an appropriate manner.
- ✓ Be listened to.

### YOUNG PLAYERS should always:

- ✓ Play fairly, do their best and enjoy themselves.
- ✓ Respect fellow team members regardless of ability, ethnic origin, cultural background or religion.
- ✓ Support fellow team members regardless of whether they do well or not.
- ✓ Represent their team, their Club and their family with pride and dignity.
- ✓ Respect all coaches, mentors, officials and their opponents.
- ✓ Be gracious in defeat and modest in victory. **"BE A GOOD SPORT"**
- ✓ Shake hands before and after a game, irrespective of the result.
- ✓ Ensure that their coach is informed if they are unavailable for training and games.
- ✓ Be familiar with Club's Child Welfare Officer, bring any concerns or questions they may have.
- ✓ Adhere to acceptable standards of behaviour.
- ✓ Take due care of Club equipment.

### YOUNG PLAYERS should never:

- ✓ Cheat – always play by the rules.
- ✓ Shout at or argue with a game's official, with their coach, their teammates or opponents.
- ✓ Never use violence.
- ✓ Use unfair or bullying tactics to gain advantage or isolate other players.
- ✓ Tell lies about adults or other young people.
- ✓ Play or train if they feel unwell or are injured.
- ✓ Use unacceptable language or racial and/or sectarian references.