



TÍR CONAILL FOOTBALL CLUB

PARENT & GUARDIAN CODE OF CONDUCT

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OUR COMMITMENT

At Tír Conaill Football Club, we believe football should be a safe, enjoyable and positive experience for every child. We are committed to creating an environment where children can develop their ability, build confidence, make friends and enjoy being part of our club. Parents and guardians are key partners in helping us achieve this, and this Code outlines the standards and behaviours expected of everyone supporting a child at our club.

ISSUED BY TCFC COMMITTEE

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01 OUR VALUES

Everything we do is guided by our club values. They shape how we play, how we behave and how we treat one another.

RESPECT

INTEGRITY

INCLUSION

TEAMWORK

COMMUNITY

EVERY CHILD SHOULD FEEL

SAFE

WELCOME

SUPPORTED

RESPECTED

INCLUDED

ENCOURAGED

02 AS A PARENT OR GUARDIAN, I WILL

SUPPORT MY CHILD

- ◆ Encourage my child to enjoy football and give their best effort.
- ◆ Celebrate improvement, learning and teamwork rather than focusing solely on winning.
- ◆ Allow my child to develop at their own pace.
- ◆ Respect my child's decisions and experiences within football.

RESPECT EVERYONE

- ◆ Treat players, coaches, volunteers, referees, opposition teams and spectators with courtesy and respect.
- ◆ Accept the decisions of match officials.
- ◆ Avoid confrontational or aggressive behaviour.
- ◆ Never use abusive, offensive, threatening or discriminatory language.





02 AS A PARENT OR GUARDIAN, I WILL

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PROMOTE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR

I understand that **children learn through example.**

- ◆ Demonstrate positive behaviour on the touchline.
- ◆ Encourage fair play and respect.
- ◆ Applaud good play from both teams.
- ◆ Avoid placing unnecessary pressure on children.

RESPECT COACHES

- ◆ Allow coaches to coach, and support their decisions.
- ◆ Raise any concerns privately and respectfully.
- ◆ Recognise that coaches and volunteers freely give their time for the benefit of children.

03 SAFEGUARDING & CHILD WELLBEING

The welfare of every child is the club's **highest priority.**

- ◆ Support the club's Safeguarding & Child Wellbeing Policy.
- ◆ Share relevant medical or wellbeing information that may help keep my child safe.
- ◆ Report any safeguarding or wellbeing concerns promptly to the Club Welfare Officer.
- ◆ Help create a safe and inclusive environment for every child.

04 EQUALITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

Tír Conaill Football Club welcomes everyone.

- ◆ Respect people of all backgrounds.
- ◆ Promote inclusion.
- ◆ Challenge bullying, discrimination or inappropriate behaviour.
- ◆ Help create a welcoming environment where every child feels they belong.





05 ATTENDANCE & COMMUNICATION

- ◆ Ensure my child arrives on time for training and matches.
- ◆ Inform coaches if my child cannot attend.
- ◆ Keep my contact details up to date.
- ◆ Read club communications.

06 PHOTOGRAPHY & SOCIAL MEDIA

- ◆ Respect the privacy of players and families.
- ◆ Use social media responsibly.
- ◆ Avoid posting content that may identify or embarrass children without permission.
- ◆ Never post abusive or inappropriate comments relating to players, coaches, referees or the club.

07 SUPPORTING THE CLUB

Tír Conaill Football Club relies upon volunteers and families. Where possible, I will:

- ◆ Support fundraising and club events.
- ◆ Respect club facilities.
- ◆ Help create a positive club culture.
- ◆ Consider volunteering where I am able.

08 UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOUR

The following behaviours are not acceptable at Tír Conaill Football Club:

- ◆ Abuse towards referees, coaches or volunteers.
- ◆ Bullying or intimidation.
- ◆ Discrimination of any kind.
- ◆ Violence or threatening behaviour.
- ◆ Excessive criticism of children.
- ◆ Bringing the club into disrepute, including on social media.





09 IF CONCERNS ARISE

We encourage open, respectful communication. If I have a concern regarding coaching, safeguarding, behaviour or club administration, I will raise it privately with the appropriate club official, rather than through social media or public criticism.

10 BREACHES OF THIS CODE

Failure to comply with this Code of Conduct may result in:

- 1 An informal discussion.
- 2 A formal meeting with club officials.
- 3 Temporary suspension from club activities.
- 4 Removal from club activities where appropriate.

Any safeguarding concerns will always be managed in accordance with the club's safeguarding procedures and relevant Scottish child wellbeing guidance.





✓ PARENT / GUARDIAN DECLARATION

I confirm that I have:

- ☐ Read and understood this Parent & Guardian Code of Conduct.
- ☐ Agreed to support the values and expectations of Tír Conaill Football Club.
- ☐ Understood that the welfare of every child is always the club's highest priority.

PARENT / GUARDIAN NAME

CHILD'S NAME / TEAM

SIGNATURE

DATE

REGISTERING ONLINE?

You may prefer to record this acknowledgement electronically at registration instead of signing above — e.g. a checkbox reading *"I have read and agree to the Tír Conaill FC Parent & Guardian Code of Conduct."* This keeps the policy a standalone document while your registration form records each parent's agreement, and lets the club update the policy without changing the registration workflow.

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