



Westport AC- Athletes Code of Conduct

Code of Conduct for Children and Young Athletes

Sport should be safe, fun and conducted in a spirit of fair play. As a young person you are entitled to the best possible environment to participate in sport. You deserve to be given enjoyable, safe sporting opportunities, free from abuse of any kind. You have rights, which must be respected, and responsibilities that you must accept. You should always treat other athletes and team leaders 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 your voice heard in your sport
- Participate on an equal and non-discriminatory basis
- Have fun and enjoy your sport
- Experience competition at a level at which you are happy
- Make complaints and have them dealt with
- Get help against those who bully
- Say No
- To protect your body
- Privacy and confidentiality

You should always:

- Treat all group or team members and your Sports Leaders with respect
- Be aware that the Westport Sports Complex is a shared facility, courtesy must be shown to all users of the changing rooms and toilets
- Act fairly and responsibly at all times, do your best
- Respect other group or team members
- Respect opponents and be gracious in defeat

- Abide by the rules as set out by the group or team you are with
- Support and assist where appropriate with the running of your group

You should never:

- Cheat or seek to gain an unfair advantage
- Intimidate, use violence or physical contact that is not welcome
- Shout at or argue with another person unreasonably
- Cause harm to or damage property
- Bully or threaten another person online or offline
- Take banned substances or consume alcohol or recreational drugs
- Spread or circulate rumours online or offline about another person
- Tell lies

Regarding club activities and competition, athletes are expected to:

- Wear the official Westport AC singlet whilst representing the club.
- Give a commitment to the club to be present at the appointed time and place for such activities/competitions.

Please Note

- Breaches to the code of conduct may result in athletes/teams being withdrawn from training and /or competitions.
- Continuous breaches to the code of conduct may result in athlete(s) being excluded from the club.

Mobile Phone

- Athletes are not permitted to carry/use mobile phones during training sessions.
- If athletes need to be contacted during training sessions, please advise the head coach of the night.