

Youth Academy Code of Conduct Policy

All youth players, parents and coaches at Ross County Football Club must sign up to the code in addition to following the club codes of conduct as follows:

PLAYERS

1. Players should act in a responsible manner and treat all players and coaches equally and with dignity and respect when representing Ross County Football Club.

1. Players should play by the rules – the rules of your club and the laws of the game. Never argue with a referee or other official – without these people you can't play football.

1. Players should control their temper - verbal abuse of officials and abusing other players doesn't help you enjoy or win any football games.

1. Players should be a team player – It's a team game. Treat all players as you would like to be treated – fairly.

1. Players should communicate and co-operate with their coach, officials and team-mates.

1. Players should not use ugly remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability – you'll let down your coach, team-mates and family if you do.

1. Players should prepare for training and matches as stated by your squad coach. (E.g. time keeping, clean boots, appropriate studs for the playing surface, shin guards, drinks etc.)

1. As a member of the club you are not permitted to train or play for another juvenile/youth football club (exemption, school, region or national football). Your

coach must be made aware of when you are playing with the school, region or national team.

1. Players should take reasonable care for your own health & safety and that of others who may be affected by what you do or don't do. Correctly use all equipment provided by the club. Not interfere with or misuse anything provided for your health, safety or welfare.
1. Players should inform their squad coach in good time if they are not available for a match or training session.
1. Players should make every effort to develop and improve their own ability in terms of skill, tactics and stamina. Always work hard and do your very best!

PARENTS

1. Parents/guardians are very welcome at all training sessions and matches.
1. Parents/guardians should ensure that their child's coach is informed in good time if they are not available for a match or training session.
1. Parents/guardians are requested to liaise with their squad coach to ensure that their child's football commitments do not have a detrimental effect on their school studies.
1. Parents/guardians should encourage their child to follow the player's code of conduct.
1. Parents/guardians are instructed not to coach or shout at any player or official during matches home or away or at any training session.

1. Parents/guardians are encouraged to applaud all aspects of good play and effort from both sides.
1. Parents/guardians expectations of their own team/child and attitude towards other players, officials and supporters can have a significant bearing on the child's attitude towards the same. A positive and constructive attitude must be expressed to all involved at all times.

COACHES

1. Coaches are requested to be punctual at all times.
1. Coaches will be respectful to all match officials, opposition players and coaches.
1. All club equipment and kit must be treated with respect and care.
1. Coaches must give the club full details to enable a PVG Scotland check to be carried out on them.
1. Coaches will address players and their parents in a courteous and respectful manner at all times.
1. Coaches should set a positive example promoting fair play to all involved in the game/training sessions both on and off the pitch.
1. Coaches should not result to poor gamesmanship regardless of predicted outcome of the game.

1. Coaches should abide by the laws of the game, and competition rules and participate within the spirit of the game.

1. Accept success and failure, victory and defeat equally.

1. Coaches should make every effort to develop the sporting, technical and tactical levels of the club/team using permitted means with the laws of the game and boundaries of fair play.

1. Coaches should promote all aspects of the clubs equality policy.