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## Code of Conduct for Parent/Guardian

The essential elements of character building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and good citizenship.

I therefore agree that:

- I will ensure my child is punctual for all training and games and will communicate with the manager if we cannot attend or will be late.
- I will help and encourage my child in their participation in training and games.
- I will not force my child to participate in soccer, participation is for their enjoyment, not mine.
- I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for them, not for the glory of the adults.
- I will inform the manager of any physical injury or ailment that may affect the safety of my child, or of others.
- I will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for **ALL** players, managers and officials.
- I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning.
- I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard.
- I will emphasise skill development and practice and how they benefit my child over winning.
- I will promote the emotional and physical wellbeing of the players ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
- **I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during matches or practices.**
- I give permission for photographs of my child to be used for publicity purposes. (Subject to FAI & Rathnew AFC policies and guidelines on the use of images)
- **I will accept all final decisions made by the club and league officials.**

*A copy of this Code of Conduct is available on the club website, [www.rathnewafc.ie](http://www.rathnewafc.ie)*

Signed (Parent/Guardian): \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_