

CODE OF CONDUCT

FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE



LETTERKENNY BLAZE BASKETBALL CLUB is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of all its members. The club believes that it is important that members, coaches, administrators and parents/guardians associated with the club should, at all times, show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others. Therefore, members are encouraged to be open at all times and to share any concerns or complaints that they may have about any aspect of Letterkenny Blaze Basketball Club.

Letterkenny Blaze Basketball Club offers a positive experience where they can learn new things in a safe and positive environment.

As a member of Letterkenny Blaze Basketball Club, you are expected to abide by the following junior code of practice:

CHILDREN/YOUNG PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO:

- Be loyal and give their friends a second chance.
- Be friendly and particularly welcoming to new members.
- Be supportive and committed to other team members, offer comfort when required.
- Not get involved in inappropriate peer pressure and push others into something they do not want to do.
- All members must respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of age, gender, ability, race, cultural background or religious beliefs or sexual identity.
- Refrain from the use of bad language or racial or sectarian references. This includes bullying using new technologies like chat-rooms or texting.
- Refrain from bullying or persistent use of rough and dangerous play.
- Show respect to other youth members and show team spirit.
- Keep themselves safe.
- Behave and listen to all instructions from the coach. Play within the rules and respect the official and their decisions.
- Do your best in practice and games.
- Be on time and ready for practice and games, including being physically fit and mentally prepared.
- Listen and learn from your coaches.
- Learn from losing as well as winning.
- Keep within the defined boundary of the playing/coaching area.

- Take care of equipment owned by the club.
- Members should keep to agreed timings for training and competitions or inform their coach or team manager if they are going to be late.
- Play fairly and be trustworthy.
- Respect officials and accept decisions.
- Show appropriate loyalty and be gracious in defeat
- Members must wear suitable kit for training and match sessions, as agreed with the team coach
- Members must pay any fees for registration, training, travel on buses or events promptly.
- Junior members are not allowed to smoke, consume alcohol or drugs of any kind.
- Report inappropriate behaviour or risky situations for youth members.
- Challenge or report the bullying of your peers.
- Respect opponents.
- Not cheat or be violent or aggressive.
- Not use violence.
- Comment inappropriately by text or on social media, regarding their Letterkenny Blaze team mates and coaches or persons from any other basketball club.
- Be careful to use technology e.g. phones, tablets & cameras only in an appropriate manner at club events.
- Be aware that Letterkenny Blaze Players and their parents must consent to their image being used in accordance with Club Policy.
- Make your club a **fun** place to be. Always be positive and enjoy your basketball.

CHILDREN/YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE THE RIGHT TO:

- Be safe and happy in their chosen activity.
- Be listened to.
- Be respected and treated fairly.
- Privacy.
- Enjoy their sport in a protective environment.
- Be referred to professional help if needed.
- Be protected from abuse by other members or outside sources.
- Participate on an equal basis, appropriate to their ability.
- Experience competition and the desire to win.
- Be believed.
- Ask for help.
- Know who the Children's Officer & Designated Persons in Blaze are.

Any misdemeanours and general misbehaviour will be addressed by the immediate coach and reported verbally to the Grievance & Disciplinary Committee. Persistent misbehaviour will result in dismissal from the Letterkenny Blaze Basketball Club. Parents/guardians will be informed at all stages.

Dismissals may be appealed in writing to the Letterkenny Blaze Committee.

Signature of Young Person

Printed name Young person

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Printed name of Parent/Guardian

Date