

CODE OF CONDUCT & EXPECTATION FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS



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 parent/guardian of a youth member of Letterkenny Blaze Basketball Club, you are expected to abide by the following guidelines:

PARENTS/GUARDIANS ARE EXPECTED TO:

- Ensure their child is punctual.
- Ensure that any fees for registration, training, travel on buses or events are paid promptly.
- Liaise with the Parent Co-ordinator for your group.
- Assist with supervision of training sessions as outlined by the Parent Co-Ordinator; if you are unable to attend your allocated session, it is your responsibility to find a replacement.
- Assist with provision of refreshments at home games and club events.
- Travel as a parental supervisor on buses for away games if required.
- Assist in washing of kit as required by coach.
- Ensure any kit or equipment is returned to the Club.
- Respond to text, email and other communications from coaches, parent co-ordinators and Committee in a timely manner.
- Inform the coach prior to departure if child is to be collected early from a coaching session.
- Positively reinforce their child/young person and show an interest in their Blaze activity. Support your child's involvement and help them to enjoy their sport.
- Do not place their young person under pressure or push them into activities they do not want to do.
- Be aware of and complete the Health and Consent Form, included within the Club Registration Form, pertaining to their child's participation with Letterkenny Blaze Basketball Club.
- Deliver and collect the child punctually to and from coaching sessions/matches/buses.
- Attend your child's games whenever possible.
- Ensure their child is properly and adequately attired for training, games and allowing for the weather conditions.
- Ensure that proper footwear and protective equipment are worn at **ALL** times in accordance with Health and Safety Regulations. Any child not in possession of the fundamental requirements will not be permitted to participate.

- Detail any health concerns pertaining to the child on the Registration Form, in particular breathing or chest conditions. Any changes in the state of the child's health should be reported to the coach prior to coaching sessions.
- Encourage their child to play by the rules and teach them that they can only do their best. Help your child to recognise good performance, not just results.
- Remember that the game is for the players to learn from success and from failure.
- Set a good example by recognising fair play and applauding good performances of all.
- Behave responsibly on the sidelines; do not embarrass your child.
- Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes.
- Use correct and proper language at all times.
- Encourage and guide performers to accept responsibility for their own performance and behaviour.
- Show appreciation and support the coach.
- Communicate with the coach in appropriate; discuss your concerns off the court and in private.
- Be realistic and supportive.
- Ensure their child's hygiene and nutritional needs are met and abide by Letterkenny Blaze's recommendations regarding healthy choices for players.
- Accept the official's judgement.
- Acknowledge the importance and role of the club coaches, officials and committee members who provide their time free to ensure children's participation in the club.
- Promote their child's participation in playing sport for **fun**.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS HAVE THE RIGHT TO:

- Know their child is safe.
- Be informed of problems or concerns relating to their children.
- Be informed if their child is injured.
- Have their consent sought for issues such as trips.
- Contribute to decisions within the club.
- Attend the AGM.
- Complain if they have concerns about the standard of coaching.

Any misdemeanours and breach of this Code of Conduct will be dealt with immediately by a Letterkenny Blaze Official. Persistent concerns or breaches will result in the parent/guardian being asked not to attend games if their attendance is detrimental to the child's welfare.

The ultimate action should a parent/guardian continue to breach the code of behaviour may mean the Letterkenny Blaze Official regrettably asking the child to leave the Club.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Printed name of Parent/Guardian

Date _____