

Code of Conduct for Parents & Guardians

To Be Reviewed: 2025/2026 Season

Dunshaughlin Rockets Basketball Club is committed to providing a safe and fair environment for all juvenile players. Our first priority is the welfare of young players and we are committed to providing an environment, which will allow participants to perform to their best ability, free from bullying and intimidation. Dunshaughlin Rockets also has a duty of care for volunteers working with juveniles on behalf of the organisation. Dunshaughlin Rockets believes that parents should:

- Be a role model for your child and maintain the highest standards of conduct when interacting with children, other parents, officials and organisers.
- Encourage your child to play by the rules.
- Always behave responsibly on the sidelines and do not seek to unfairly affect the game on court or the player on court.
- Take care not to expose any junior player, intentionally or unintentionally, to embarrassment or disparagement by the use of inappropriate remarks.
- Always recognise the value and importance of the volunteers who provide sporting/recreational opportunities for your child and support them in their activities.
- Respect referees, coaches, organisers and other players.
- Do not publicly question the judgement or honesty of referees, coaches or organisers.
- Teach your child that honest endeavour is as important as winning and do all you can to encourage good sportsmanship.
- Set a good example by applauding good play on both sides
- Encourage mutual respect for teammates and opponents.

Parents should support all efforts to remove abusive and bullying behaviour in all its forms:

- Child to Child – includes physical aggression, verbal bullying, intimidation, or isolation.
- Adult to Child – includes the use of repeated gestures or expressions of a threatening or intimidatory nature, or any comment intended to degrade the child.
- Adult to Adult – includes verbal aggression towards other adults in order to achieve a beneficial outcome for own self or own child.
- Child to Adult – includes repeated gestures or expressions of a threatening or intimidatory nature by an individual child or a group of children.

Parents Declaration Form:

1. I will respect the rules and procedures set down in the Basketball Ireland's Code of Practice for Children in Sport.
2. I will respect my child's teammates, coaches, other parents as well as players, parents and coaches from opposing teams.
3. I will give encouragement and applaud only positive accomplishments whether from my child, his/her teammates, their opponents or the officials.
4. I will respect my child's coach and support his/her efforts
5. I will respect the officials and their authority during games
6. I will never demonstrate threatening or abusive behaviour or use foul language.
7. I will encourage my child to treat other participants, coaches, selectors, and managers with respect.