



Dalkey Devil Volleyball Club

Adult Players Code of Conduct

Dalkey Devils is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the well-being of all its members, ensuring a positive, inclusive and enjoyable experience for all.

As a member of Dalkey Devils Volleyball Club, I agree to uphold the values of respect, fairness, and enjoyment. I understand that I represent my club at all times, both on and off the court.

Standards of Behaviour

Respect

- Treat teammates, coaches, referees, opponents, and spectators with respect at all times.
- Accept decisions made by referees and officials without arguing or unsporting behaviour.
- Use appropriate language and avoid abusive, discriminatory, or offensive remarks.
- Recognise the valuable contribution made by coaches and officials who are usually volunteers.

Commitment & Attitude

- Attend training and matches regularly and arrive on time.
- Inform my coach or team manager in advance if I cannot attend.
- Give my best effort at all times, regardless of the score.
- Encourage and support teammates, on and off the court.
- Know and follow the competition rules set out by Volleyball Ireland.

Fair Play

- Play by the rules and spirit of the game.
- Avoid any form of cheating, aggression, or unsporting conduct.
- Accept wins and losses with dignity.

Health, Safety & Wellbeing

- Take responsibility for my own fitness, wellbeing, and recovery.
- Inform the coach if I am injured, unwell, or unable to participate safely.
- Use club and venue facilities respectfully, keeping courts, changing areas, and equipment clean and safe.
- Respect the club and venue facilities rules which includes arriving and leaving the facility at the agreed times of the facility manager.
- Never use alcohol, drugs, or banned substances before or during training or matches or at the club and venue facilities.

Team Selection & Competition

- Understand that team selection for matches is based on skill, effort, attitude, commitment, and squad balance.
- Respect the coach's decision regarding team selection and playing time.

Team Selection at Annual Tryouts

- All registered players are given the opportunity to attend tryouts at the beginning of the season.
- Players will be assessed based on the criteria set down in the Dalkey Devils Coaches Handbook.
- Selection decisions will be communicated clearly and respectfully to all players.
- Coaches may consider positional needs and overall squad balance when finalising rosters.
- The coaching team's decision on selection is final.
- Players not selected for a competitive squad will be supported with alternative training or participation opportunities within the club where possible.

Social Media & Communication

- Use social media responsibly and never post comments, photos, or videos that could harm the club, teammates, or opponents.
- Communicate respectfully with all club members, in person and online.

Reporting Procedure - Child Safety

- Any member witnessing or experiencing unacceptable behaviour should report it to the Club Children's Officer or another designated official.
- Reports will be kept confidential as far as possible.
- Serious incidents or allegations (e.g. safeguarding issues) will be reported to statutory bodies as required by law.

Disciplinary Procedures

- Breaches of this Code will first be addressed by the coach or captain.
- Repeated or serious breaches may be referred to the Club Committee and could result in suspension or removal from the club.
- All disciplinary matters will be handled fairly and consistently in accordance with the principles of fair procedure and natural justice.

Agreement

I have read and understood this Code of Conduct. I agree to follow it as a member of Dalkey Devils Volleyball Club.