



DALKEY DEVILS VOLLEYBALL CLUB

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

The Dalkey Devils Volleyball Club wishes to provide the best possible environment for all young people involved in the sport. Young people deserve to be given enjoyable, safe sporting opportunities, free of abuse of any kind. These participants have rights, which must be respected, and responsibilities that they must accept. Young people should be encouraged to realise that they have responsibilities to treat other participants and sports leaders with fairness and respect.

Young players are entitled to:

- Be listened to
- Be believed
- Be safe and to feel safe
- Be treated with dignity, sensitivity and respect
- Have a voice in the club / organisation
- Participate on an equal basis
- Be happy, have fun and enjoy sport
- Experience competition at a level at which they feel comfortable
- Make complaints and have them dealt with
- Get help against bullies
- Say No
- To protect their own bodies
- Confidentiality

Young players should always:

- Treat Sports Leaders with respect
- Play fairly at all times, do their best
- Respect team members, even when things go wrong
- Respect opponents, be gracious in defeat
- Respect referees and their decisions.
- Respect the place where volleyball is played and abide by the rules and regulations of this place and keep it tidy.
- Abide by the rules set down by team managers when travelling to away events.
- Behave in a manner that avoids bringing the club and the sport of Volleyball into disrepute
- Talk to the children's officer if they have any problems.

Young players should never:

- Cheat
- Use violence or physical contact that is not allowed within the rules
- Shout or argue with officials, team mates or opponents
- Harm team members, opponents or their property
- Bully or use bullying tactics to isolate another player
- Use unfair or bullying tactics to gain advantage
- Take banned substances
- Keep secrets, especially if they have been caused harm
- Tell lies about adults / young people
- Spread rumours
- Damage or misuse property

Attendance at Training and Matches

- Players are expected to attend all scheduled training sessions and matches, and to arrive on time.
- Consistent attendance helps players improve skills, build teamwork, and contribute fully to the team.
- If a player is unable to attend a session or match, they (or their parent/guardian) should inform the coach as early as possible.
- Unexplained or repeated absences may affect playing time and future team selection.
- All players, whether participating or supporting, should show a positive attitude and respect for their team, coaches, and opponents.
- Being reliable and present demonstrates commitment to the team and respect for fellow players.

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.

Disciplinary Procedures

If a young player breaks the Code of Conduct, the coach will remind them of the rules and give them a chance to improve. If the behaviour continues, the coach may:

- Speak with the player privately
- Inform the player's parents or guardians
- Ask the player to sit out part of a training session or match
- Serious or repeated breaches may be referred to the Club Committee, which could lead to suspension or removal from the club.

Team Selection at Tryouts

- Not all players will be selected for the same team
- Selection is based on skills, effort, attitude, teamwork, and commitment
- All players are expected to respect the coaches' decisions and accept their team placement
- If a player is not selected for a competitive team, they are encouraged to keep working hard and enjoy participating in other club activities

Parents Code of Conduct

1. I will respect the rules and procedures set down in the VAI Code of Ethics for Children in Sport.
2. I will respect my child's team mates, leaders, (e.g. coaches, officials, judges), and parents, as well as players, parents and coaches from opposing teams.
3. I will encourage my child to treat other participants, coaches, selectors, and managers with respect.
4. I will give encouragement and applaud only positive accomplishments whether from my child; his/her team mates, their opponents or the officials.
5. I will respect my child's leader(s) and support his/her efforts
6. I will respect the officials and their authority during sessions and events
7. I will never demonstrate threatening or abusive behaviour or use foul language.

Guidelines for Parents

The VAI and Dalkey Devils VC believe that parents should:

- Be role models for your children and maintain the highest standards of conduct when interacting with children, other parents, with officials and organisers
- Always behave responsibly and do not seek to unfairly affect the game
- Never intentionally expose any young participant to embarrassment or disparagement by the use of flippant or sarcastic remarks
- Always recognise the value and importance of the volunteers who provide sporting/recreational opportunities for your child. Do not publicly question the judgment or honesty of referees, coaches or organisers. Respect referees, coaches, organisers and other players
- Encourage your child to play by the rules. 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 team mates and opponents
- Parents should support all efforts to remove abusive behaviour and bullying behaviour in all its forms. Please read the bullying policy within the VAI guidelines.