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Code of Conduct for Sporting, Extra-curricular & School events

The Board of Management of SN Coill an Iarainn has devised the following code of conduct for all sporting, extra-curricular & school events where pupils representing the school are participating. (Please refer to the school's Anti-bullying policy and Code of Behaviour).

Kilnerin National School wishes to provide the best possible environment for all young people involved in sporting, extra-curricular & school events. Our pupils deserve to be given enjoyable, safe sporting and extra-curricular opportunities, free of abuse of any kind. Our pupils should be encouraged to realise that they have responsibilities to treat other participants and group leaders with fairness and respect. Pupils have the right to be listened to, have a voice, to feel and be safe, to be treated with dignity, sensitivity and respect.

All participants, teachers, coaches, leaders, selectors, assistants, supporters, parents, guardians, referees/officials and other personnel should strive to create a positive environment for the children in their care. They have an overall responsibility to take the necessary steps to ensure that positive and healthy experiences are provided.

Everyone should have as their first priority the children's safety and enjoyment of the activity and should adhere to the guidelines and codes of conduct as set out in this document.

All participants and their parents must agree to the code of conduct before participation in any sporting, extra-curricular & school events.

Guidelines for Pupils:

Pupils should treat others as they would like to be treated themselves. Any behaviour that endangers or offends others is not permitted.

All pupils are expected to behave in a reasonable manner both to themselves and to others, showing consideration, courtesy and respect for other pupils and adults at all times.

Pupil Code of Conduct:

- I will always try my best
- I will treat all members of the opposing team with respect at all times
- I will respect all participants i.e., participants, teachers, coaches, leaders, selectors, assistants, supporters, parents, guardians, referees/officials and other all other personnel
- I should remember my teammates are always trying their best
- We should play as a team not as a group of individuals
- I should encourage my teammates and support them even when they make mistakes
- I will not shout, argue, abuse physically or verbally (give cheek) to any participants, teachers, referees/officials, leaders, coaches, selectors, assistants, supporters, parents, guardians, and all other personnel
- I should remember that I can never change a referee's decision no matter what I say or do. A referee's decision is always final. If the referee's decision seems unfair, I should not sulk, blame others, instead I should get on with the game
- If I am not picked to play on the starting team, I will understand it is natural to be disappointed, but I will also understand that I am part of a squad of players and we all have a part to play. To be a member on our squad is to be a part of the team
- I should not blame myself for a defeat. A defeat, the same as a victory, is brought about by the whole squad

Guidelines for Parents/Guardians:

Parents/Guardians should be a role model for their child and maintain the highest standards of conduct when interacting with children, other parents, with teachers, officials and

organisers. Always behave responsibly and do not seek to unfairly affect the competition or training their child is participating in.

Never intentionally expose any young participant to embarrassment or disparagement by the use of flippant or sarcastic remarks or berate your own child or any other child for their standard of play/performance.

Always recognise the value and importance of the volunteers who provide sporting, extra-curricular & school opportunities for their child i.e., Coaches, teachers, SNAs etc. Do not publicly question the judgement or honesty of officials, teachers, coaches, organisers, or other participants.

Encourage their child to participate within the rules. Teach their child that honest endeavour is as important as winning and do all they can to encourage good sportsmanship.

Set a good example by encouraging mutual respect for individual competitors, team mates and all participants in specific events.

Parents should support all efforts to remove abusive behaviour, foul language and bullying behaviour in all its forms.

Parents Code of Conduct

- I will respect the rules and procedures of our school's Code of Behaviour, Anti-bullying policy and code of conduct for sporting, extra-curricular & school events
- I will not shout, argue, abuse physically or verbally (give cheek) to any participants, referees/officials, teachers, coaches, leaders, selectors, assistants, supporters, parents, guardians, and all other personnel
- I will respect my child's team-mates, teachers, leaders (e.g., Manager, Coaches, Officials, Judges), and parents, as well as all competitors, parents
- I will encourage my child to treat other participants, coaches, selectors, officials and managers with respect
- I will give encouragement and applaud only positive accomplishments whether from my child, his/her team-mates, their opponents or the officials
- I will respect my child's coach (s), teacher (s), volunteers and support their efforts
- I should remember that I can never change a referee's decision no matter what I say or do. A referee's/adjudicator's decision is always final. If the referee's/adjudicator's decision seems unfair, I should not lose my temper, use foul language, aggressively challenge the decision or integrity

- I will not enter the sporting environment or area of play/performance before, during or after unless authorised to do so
- If my child is not picked to play on a team, I understand it is natural for them to be disappointed
- If my child is not picked to be a representative on an extracurricular group, I understand it is natural for them to be disappointed
- I will not challenge the selector's decision
- I will not undertake any other unsporting-like behaviour
- I understand that if I use foul language, I will be asked to leave the immediate area as foul language will not be tolerated at any school events

Breaches of Code Conduct:

- Any breaches of code of conduct should be reported directly to the staff representative/principal of your child's school
- Parents should not approach representatives of any other schools/ clubs or organisers
- Normal schools' complaints procedure still applies

This policy was ratified by the Board of Management of SN Coill an Iarainn on:

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This policy will be reviewed as is appropriate.