

# Ballyoulster Utd AFC Players Code of Conduct

As players are constantly in the glare of public attention and are widely recognised as the most important people in the sport, there is a considerable onus upon them to speak and act in a manner which promotes all that is good about the game and the club.

## ***As a player, I will:***

- Make every honest effort to develop my sporting ability, to include fitness, skill, technique and tactical ability.
- Strive to set a positive example for younger players and supporters.
- Safeguard the physical fitness of opponents, avoid violence and rough play, and where possible help injured opponents.
- Give maximum effort and strive for the best possible performance during each game.
- Avoid all forms of gamesmanship, and time wasting.
- Refrain from using inappropriate language, particularly to referees/officials and other players.
- Make every effort consistent with fair play and the laws of the game to help my team win.
- Abide by the laws, rules of the game and of any given competition, both in fact and in spirit.
- Accept victory and defeat with equanimity.
- Resist any temptation to consume or otherwise imbibe any banned substances.
- Treat opponents with respect at all times.
- Demonstrate due respect towards match officials.
- Accept the decisions of the match officials without protest.
- Avoid words or actions which may mislead a match official.
- Abide by the lawful instructions and directions of mentors and team officials.
- Act towards the mentors and officials of the opposing side with respect at all times.
- Demonstrate due regard for the interest of supporters.
- Not act or speak so as to incite or encourage supporters to act in a way that may endanger the safety of anyone attending or participating in the game.
- Not either directly or indirectly place a bet on the outcome of any game in which I am involved.
- Have regard to the best interests of the game when publicly expressing an opinion on the game or on others involved in the game.

- In making public comments on a particular fixture or on the game in general I will be mindful of upholding and promoting the good name of the game and others involved in the wider community.

