



Stepaside FC

Coaches Code of Conduct

Stepaside FC is grateful for the volunteer coaches, whose time makes it possible for the club to exist and to thrive. It is important that all coaches are aware of their responsibilities while providing this time, developing our young players. This document aims at clarifying those responsibilities and the accompanying documents provide more detail.

All coaches of Stepside FC are required to read the three specified documents and then sign this acknowledgement to confirm your understanding and agreement to uphold these principals.

Code for Coaches

- I will uphold the ethos of Stepside FC, which is grounded in the principals of sportsmanship, respect, and inclusivity.
- I am aware that Stepside FC supports a child-centered approach to activity, which places the welfare of our children / players above all else. Specifically:
 - I will be a positive role model encouraging fair play and respect of teammates, opponents, coaches, and officials
 - I will encourage participation and enjoyment of the game over winning.
 - I will support Stepside FC's policy of ensuring all children receive game time in matches, in line with the FAI recommended minimum time guidelines. *(Relevant guides are contained in the accompanied documents and coaches must make themselves familiar with the game time recommendations)*
 - I will always use appropriate language, encouraging and being positive during training sessions and matches, so that children leave with a sense of achievement.
- I will treat everyone involved in the club in an equitable and fair manner, regardless of age, ability, gender, religion, social and ethnic background, or political persuasion.

- I will ensure that I keep all my required documentation up to date and support the committee in providing documented evidence of any training taken
 - Garda Vetting
 - Child Safeguarding courses
 - Coaching Courses
- I confirm that I have read and understand the following documents (tick box):
 - Stepside FC Child Welfare and Football Club Policy ☐
 - FAI Code of Conduct (Conduct & Good Practice for Coaches) ☐
 - Stepside FC Coaching Guidelines ☐
 - FAI Player Development PDF ☐
- I am aware of my obligation to bring to the Committee's attention, any suspicions regarding the physical, sexual, or verbal abuse of one of our children / players

Signed (Coach): _____ Team _____

Print Name: _____