



MONEYGALL FOOTBALL CLUB

Moneygall FC Parent and Guardian Conduct Policy

At Moneygall FC, we are committed to creating a safe, respectful, and enjoyable environment for all players, coaches, referees, club officials, volunteers, and visitors. This Parent and Guardian Conduct Policy outlines the standards of behaviour expected from parents and guardians associated with our club, and the consequences of failing to adhere to these standards. Our goal is to ensure that all participants have a positive experience while maintaining the integrity of the sport.

1. General Conduct

Parents and guardians are expected to:

- **Act as role models** by demonstrating positive behaviour, both on and off the field.
- **Promote fair play, respect, and good sportsmanship** at all times.
- **Encourage their child** and other children in a positive manner, regardless of the result of the match or individual performance.
- **Respect all decisions** made by referees, club officials, and volunteers, understanding that they are integral to the functioning of the game.

2. Behaviour Towards Referees

- Referees are to be treated with **respect and courtesy** at all times. They are an essential part of the game and their decisions are final.
- **Abusive language, gestures, or threatening behaviour** towards referees will not be tolerated.
- Parents and guardians are expected to **refrain from questioning or criticizing** referees' decisions during or after the game.

3. Respect for Club Officials and Volunteers

- Club officials and volunteers contribute their time and effort to ensure the smooth running of Moneygall FC. They must be treated with **courtesy, respect, and appreciation**.
- **Verbal abuse, harassment, or confrontational behaviour** towards club officials or volunteers is strictly prohibited.

- Parents and guardians must **cooperate with requests** from club officials and volunteers, especially regarding club policies and procedures.

1. Conduct Towards Children

- Parents and guardians must prioritise the **safety and well-being** of all children involved in the club's activities.
- **Encouragement, support, and positive reinforcement** should be given to all players, regardless of ability or performance.
- **Negative, derogatory, or abusive language** towards any child, including their own, is not acceptable.
- **Side-line coaching** or giving instructions to players is not permitted. This is the role of the coach.

2. Respect Towards Opposition Players, Managers, and Spectators

- Parents and guardians are expected to show **respect for opposing players, coaches, and supporters** always.
- **Taunting, mocking, or ridiculing** the opposition is unacceptable.
- Demonstrating **graciousness in victory** and **respect in defeat** is essential to fostering a positive environment for all involved.

3. Conduct Towards Visitors and Guests at Moneygall FC

- All visitors to Moneygall FC's grounds should be treated **with respect and courtesy**.
- Moneygall FC strives to be a welcoming and inclusive club; any form of **discrimination, intimidation, or hostility** towards visitors will not be tolerated.
- Parents and guardians are responsible for ensuring that **any guests** they bring to Moneygall FC also adhere to this policy.

4. Sanctions for Policy Violations

Moneygall FC takes any breaches of this policy seriously. The following graded sanctions will apply based on the severity of the violation:

- **Verbal Warning:** For minor infractions, such as excessive side-line coaching or low-level disrespect, a verbal warning may be issued.
- **Written Warning:** A formal written warning will be issued for continued minor infractions or more serious breaches, such as unsportsmanlike behaviour or disrespect towards officials.
- **Temporary Suspension:** For significant violations, such as verbal abuse or aggressive behaviour towards referees, officials, or players, the parent or guardian may be temporarily banned from attending club

matches or activities.

- **Permanent Ban:** For the most severe breaches, such as physical threats, harassment, or repeated offenses, a permanent ban from Moneygall FC's grounds and activities will be enforced.

5. Disciplinary and Appeals Process

- **Disciplinary Committee:** All violations of this policy will be reviewed by Moneygall FC's Disciplinary Committee. The Committee will assess the incident and determine the appropriate sanction.

- **Appeals to Management Committee:** If a parent or guardian wishes to appeal a decision made by the Disciplinary Committee, they may submit an appeal to the Moneygall FC Management Committee for further review.

- **Appeals to Relevant League:** If a decision by the Management Committee is disputed, a final appeal may be submitted to the relevant league body for consideration. The league's decision will be final.

6. Conclusion

Moneygall FC values the involvement of parents and guardians in supporting their children and the club. By adhering to this Conduct Policy, parents and guardians play a crucial role in fostering a positive and respectful atmosphere for everyone involved in the club's activities. We thank you for your cooperation and support in maintaining these standards.

This policy may be subject to annual review and can be updated as necessary.

Approved by:

Moneygall FC Management Committee

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