



Kinnegad Juniors A.F.C. Code of Conduct for Players

I understand that Kinnegad Juniors welcomes players of all abilities and backgrounds and I recognise that being a member of this club brings with it responsibilities that must be upheld if I wish to remain a member of this club.

I agree to follow all club rules and to abide by the code of conduct for players. I understand that if I fail to do this I may be suspended from the club or that my membership may be cancelled.

As a player for Kinnegad Juniors AFC I will:

- Play football because I enjoy it, not because someone else expects me to play.
- Attend training regularly, arrive promptly and behave properly. I understand that if I do not train I may not be picked for matches.
- Listen to the coaches during training, follow their instructions and try my best to improve my skills and fitness
- Let my coach know in advance if I cannot attend training.
- Let my coach know in advance (ideally at least 24 hours in advance) if I know that I cannot attend a match
- Let my coach know if I have an injury or other medical condition that they should know about
- Help my coach to tidy up equipment etc after training/matches
- Always attend training/matches in the appropriate kit, with appropriate footwear and shin guards. I understand that I will not be allowed to train/play unless I am wearing shin guards.
- Do everything that I can to help my team mates to enjoy the game and to never say or do anything to discourage or disparage them
- Never bully team mates or others associated with the club
- Be supportive of team mates, even when things are not going well for them.
- Understand that all players who train and try their best deserve game time
- Abide by the laws and the rules of the game at all times.
- Never use foul or abusive language or gestures towards friendly or opposition players and officials, the referee, spectators or anyone else at matches or club events.
- Be respectful to opposition players and coaches at all times. I will shake hands with the opposition at the end of the game, regardless of the result

- Be respectful to match officials at all times and accept the decisions of the match officials without protest.
- Be respectful to spectators under all circumstances.
- Abide by the lawful instructions and directions of coaches and team officials.
- Alert the Club Children's Officer or the Club Chairman if I am concerned that the instructions, directions or behaviour of coaches or officials are inappropriate.
- Help players who are injured, put the ball out of play if a player needs attention
- Accept apologies from opposition players – do not start arguments or become involved in confrontations on the pitch. Walk away from trouble and let the referee deal with it.
- Apologise to opposition players if my behaviour warrants it
- Be modest in victory and accept defeat with dignity
- Treat players from minority groups with complete respect. I understand that Kinnegad Juniors has a zero tolerance attitude to racism, sexism, homophobia and transphobia.
- Avoid doing anything, through my words, my behaviour or my activity on social media, that could harm my team mates or bring the club into disrepute.
- I will not:
 - Cheat
 - Use foul language.
 - Use racist, sexist, homophobic or transphobic language or behaviour.
 - Use abusive language, or argue with, the referee, officials, team-mates or opponents.
 - Use or threaten violence, either on the pitch or off it
 - Bully
 - Tell lies about other children or adults
 - Spread rumours
 - Take banned substances
 - Keep secrets about any person who may have caused me harm
 - Behave in any manner that may bring the name of Kinnegad Juniors A.F.C. into disrepute.
- I will always report incidents of bullying and/or inappropriate or dangerous behaviour to my coach, the club's Children's Officer or to my parents/guardian.
- I understand that in registering as a player for Kinnegad Juniors I agree to abide by this code of conduct.

Club Children's Officers are: **Siobhan Doyle** (0857580698) and **Ian Speller** (0879268219). They may also be contacted at kjafccpo@gmail.com