



CARDIFF DRAGONS FC

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CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS, PLAYERS AND SUPPORTERS

Mission Statement

Cardiff Dragons FC exists to promote participation in and awareness of football, social cohesion and healthy lifestyles within the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender community in Cardiff, South Wales & beyond.

Code of Conduct

It is important that all members, players and supporters are aware of the code of conduct for Cardiff Dragons FC. Cardiff Dragons FC, OUR football club, is not like most football clubs and different expectations of members are required to ensure that the ethos of Cardiff Dragons FC is upheld.

A member can be defined as a player or a supporter. The code of conduct applies for both players and supporters unless otherwise stated.

Obligations to the club

A member should:

1. Show respect and support for the ethos and mission statement of Cardiff Dragons FC.
2. Promote a positive image of themselves, their teammates and other members of Cardiff Dragons FC at all events and on all social media where they could be deemed to be representing the club, including competitive and friendly matches, training sessions, and social and promotional events. Any opinions expressed on member's social media relating to club activities should be clearly identified as not representing the opinion of the club as a whole.
3. Refrain from engaging in any disrespectful, questionable or illegal behaviour that may project an unfavourable image of Cardiff Dragons FC or bring the club's reputation into disrepute.
4. Move away from the group when smoking as it is the intention of Cardiff Dragons FC to promote a healthy lifestyle.

Obligations to the game

A member should:

1. Make every effort to develop their own sporting abilities, in terms of skill, technique, tactics and stamina to the extent to which it does not diminish their enjoyment of the game.
2. Give maximum effort and strive for the best possible performance during a game, even if your team is in a position where the desired result has already been achieved.
3. Set a positive example for others, particularly young players, new members and supporters.
4. Avoid all forms of gamesmanship and unsporting behaviour.
5. Not use inappropriate language.

Obligations to one's team

A member should:

1. Make every effort consistent with Fair Play and the Laws of the Game to help your team win.
2. Refrain from directing unhelpful or abusive criticism at collective or individual teammate performance. In contrast, all members should help to create a supportive atmosphere where players are encouraged and helped to improve.
3. Refrain from directing abusive or aggressive behaviour at fellow teammates (e.g. shouting, screaming, use of offensive language).
4. Respect all coaching and management selection decisions.

Obligations to the laws of the game and competition rules

A member should:

1. Know and abide by the Laws, rules and spirit of the game, and the competition rules.
2. Accept success and failure, victory and defeat, equally.
3. Resist any temptation to take banned substances or use banned techniques.

Obligations to one's opponents

A member should:

1. Treat opponents with due respect at all times, irrespective of the result of the game.
2. Safeguard the physical fitness of opponents, avoid violence and rough play, and help injured opponents.
3. Report any form of aggression and/or abuse to Match Officials and management as opposed to engaging in reactive behaviour.
4. Show due respect towards the Team Officials of the opposition.

Obligations to Match Officials

A member should:

1. Accept the decision of the Match Official without protest.
2. Avoid words or actions, which may mislead a Match Official.
3. Show due respect towards a Match Official.

Obligations during training

A member should:

1. Abide by the instructions of their Coach and Team Officials, provided they do not contradict the spirit of this code.
2. Respect all coaching decisions made, including those made as part of a training match.
3. Respect the dualism of the roles undertaken by Team Officials at training (e.g. simultaneously coaching and refereeing during a training match).
4. Respect the Team/Club Officials and group by refraining from talking when Team/Club Officials are talking.
5. Respect the group as a player by taking part in all aspects of training including fitness, warm up and drills. Players are not encouraged to solely play a training match.
6. Refrain from participating in training when it would be to the detriment of their health or an injury.

Obligations to supporters

A member should:

1. Show due respect to the interests of supporters and the need to provide an inclusive and safe environment.

MEMBER DECLARATION Code of Conduct August 2016

I have read and understood the Code of Conduct of Cardiff Dragons FC and will endeavour to follow it when on club duty. I accept that the disciplinary procedure may be used in exceptional instances where I have not followed the Code of Conduct.

Name:

Signed:

Date:

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR TEAM OFFICIALS

This Code applies to all Team/Club Officials (although some items may not apply to all officials).

Obligations to the game

Team Officials should:

1. Set a positive example for others, particularly young players and supporters.
2. Promote and develop their own team having regard to the interest of the Players, Supporters and reputation of the Club.
3. Share knowledge and experience when invited to do so.
4. Avoid all forms of gamesmanship.
5. Show due respect to Match Officials and others involved in the game.
6. Always have respect for the best interest of the game.
7. Not use or tolerate inappropriate language.

Obligations to the team

Team Officials should:

1. Make every effort to develop the sporting, technical and tactical levels of the club/team, and to obtain the best results for the team, using all permitted means.
2. Be supportive of and encourage cohesion between all teams of the club.
3. Be supportive of other Team Officials and coaching staff.
4. Give priority to the interests of the team.
3. Resist all illegal or unsporting influences, including banned substances and techniques.
5. Promote ethical principles.
6. Show due respect for the interests of the players, coaches and officials, their own club/team and others.
7. Refrain from letting personal issues interfere with coaching/management responsibilities.
8. Approach all welfare-related issues with confidential nature and refrain from discussing sensitive information with unauthorised persons.
7. Only use member contact information in an appropriate manner.

Obligations to supporters

Team Officials should:

1. Show due respect for the interests of the supporters and the need to provide an inclusive and safe environment.

Obligations to Match Officials

Team Officials should:

1. Accept the decisions of the Match Official without protest.
2. Avoid words or actions, which may mislead a Match Official.
3. Show due respect towards Match Officials.

TEAM OFFICIAL DECLARATION Code of Conduct August 2016

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