

# Code of Conduct for Children/Young People

Volleyball for young people should offer appositive experience where they can learn new things in a safe and positive environment. The following are expectations young people have of other young people involved in volleyball.

## Children/young people are expected to:

- Be loyal and give their friends a 2nd chance.
- Be friendly and particularly welcoming to new members.
- Be supportive and committed to other team members, offer comfort when required.
- Not get involved in inappropriate peer pressure and push others into something they do not want to do.
- Keep within the defined boundary of the playing/coaching area.
- Behave and listen to all instructions from the coach.
- Take care of equipment
- Refrain from the use of bad language or racial/sectarian references. This includes bullying using new technologies like chat-rooms or texting.
- Refrain from bullying or persistent use of rough and dangerous play.
- Show respect to other youth members/leaders and show team spirit.
- Keep themselves safe.
- Report inappropriate behaviour or risky situations for youth members.
- Play fairly and be trustworthy.
- Respect officials and accept decisions.
- Show appropriate loyalty and be gracious in defeat.
- Challenge or report the bullying of your peers.
- Respect opponents.
- Not cheat or be violent/aggressive.
- Not use violence.
- **Make NI Volleyball a FUN organisation to be involved with.**

**Children/Young people have the right to:**

- Be safe and happy in their chosen activity.
- Be listened to.
- Be respected and treated fairly.
- Privacy.
- Enjoy Volleyball in a protective environment.
- Be referred to professional help if needed.
- Be protected from abuse by other member or outside sources.
- Participate on an equal basis, appropriate to their ability.
- Experience competition and the desire to win.
- Be believed.
- Ask for help.

The NI Volleyball designated safeguarding officer is Johnny McClenaghan – tel. 07817 061634 or email [johnny@nivolleyball.com](mailto:johnny@nivolleyball.com). Feel free to contact him or talk to your club safeguarding lead to highlight any concerns or to find out more information regarding the NI Volleyball safeguarding expectations.

Any misdemeanours and general misbehaviour will be addressed by the immediate coach and reported verbally to the club designated safeguarding person). Parents will be informed. Persistent misbehaviour may result in dismissal from NI Volleyball

Dismissals can be appealed by the child/parent with final decisions taken by the NI Volleyball board.

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**Signature of Young Person**

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**Printed name Young person**

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**Signature of Parent/Guardian**

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**Printed name of Parent/Guardian**

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_