

Code of conduct for children and young people

Wreake and Soar Valley AC is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of all its members and those connected to the club.

Wreake and Soar Valley AC believes that it is important that everyone connected to the club should, at all times, show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others. Therefore, everyone connected to the club whether participant, parent, guest or other representative are encouraged to be open at all times and to share any concerns or complaints that they may have about any aspect of the event with event organisers.

Wreake and Soar Valley AC should offer a positive experience for children and young people and where they can learn new things in a safe and positive environment.

Children and young people are expected to:

- Be friendly and welcoming to all fellow members and event competitors, be supportive and offer comfort when required.
- Compete fairly and be trustworthy.
- Behave well and listen to all instructions from officials.
- Respect officials and accept their decisions.
- Show appropriate loyalty and be gracious in defeat.
- Respect opponents.
- Not cheat or be violent and aggressive.
- Keep themselves safe.
- Report inappropriate behaviour.
- Make the club a fun place to be.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of age, gender, ability, race, cultural background or religious beliefs or sexual identity.
- Refrain from the use of bad language or racial/sectarian references. This includes bullying using new technologies.

Children / Young People have the right to:

- Be safe and happy in their chosen activity.
- Be listened to and to be believed.
- Be respected and treated fairly.
- Privacy.
- Ask for help.
- Have any concerns taken seriously and acted on.
- Enjoy sport 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.

Any minor misdemeanours and general misbehaviour will be addressed by club officials and may be reported verbally to the committee. More serious or persistent misbehaviour may result in disciplinary action and potentially dismissal from the club. Parents will be informed at all stages.