



KRSP Codes of Conduct

Codes of conduct are an integral part of KRSP. They set a standard of behaviour that help build KRSP culture and make it easier to deal with conduct and behaviour issues as they arise. These can be many and varied, from poor sportsmanship to unfair treatment, inappropriate social media posts, activity incidents, side-line abuse and mismanagement, and more. Codes of conduct set expectations for everyone involved - from the Sports Leaders to children/young people, parents and carers. The KRSP code of conduct is informed by the organisation's risk assessment and is used as a tool in the management of specific risks.

KRSP Code of Conduct for Parents/Guardians/Carers

Parents/guardians/carers play a key role in the promotion of an ethical approach to sport and young people's enjoyment in sport. Parents/guardians/ carers therefore need to be aware, informed and involved in promoting the safest possible environment for children to enjoy their participation in sport. Sports Leaders need the support of parents/guardians/ carers in conveying the Safe, Fun and Fair Play message.

Parents/ guardians/ carers should help and support the implementation of best practice policies in their child's/ children's participation in KRSP activities by following the guidance below:

- Understand and ensure their child/children abide by the Code for Young People.
- Have an awareness of and respect for Sports Leaders and other adults and their roles within the activity.
- If one wishes to raise an issue with a Sports Leader this should be addressed with the Sports Leader in an appropriate manner and not in front of children and young people.
- Respect and abide by the decisions made by the Sports Leaders, these should be made in the best interests of the children.
- Be aware of the complaints process (see www.krsp.ie) and follow the proper procedure if felt unjustly treated, with the knowledge that any complaint will be dealt with effectively and confidentially.

- Know the activity schedule, and accept it is the responsibility of parents/ guardians/ carers for delivering and collecting their child/children and should ensure they do not leave their child/children waiting unsupervised at any time.
- Ensure the environment is safe and enjoyable for their child/children.
- Promote fair play and the positive aspects of sport.
- Be a role model for their children and young people by maintaining the highest standards of personal conduct and respectful behaviour in any activity related to the activity.
- Allow their child to focus their efforts and success in terms of their goals rather than winning being the main objective.
- Promote participation for children that is fun, safe and in the spirit of fair play.
- Ensure appropriate Sports Leaders are informed regarding any absenteeism, medical conditions or other relevant matters concerning their child.
- Arrange an appropriate time and place for discussing any matter with Sports Leaders; communication should not take place whilst Sports Leaders are in a position of supervision or responsible for other young people.
- Provide the activity organiser with appropriate information in relation to their child to ensure their safe inclusion in the activity and with emergency contact information and to be reasonably available in case of emergency.
- Be aware of and abide by KRSP child safeguarding procedures and policies especially with regard to the use of smart phones, any type of camera and videoing equipment.

