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## HOWTH CELTIC AFC

### *CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PLAYERS*

**Play for enjoyment, not just to please your parents or coach.**

**Play by the laws of the game.**

**Never argue with the referee's decision.**

**Play with control. Do not lose your temper.**

**Play for yourself and your team – your team's performance will benefit and so will your own.**

**Be a "good sport". Applaud all good play whether by your team or the opponent.**

**Respect your opponent. Treat all players, as you would like to be treated.**

**Give opponents a hand if they are injured, put the ball out of play so they can receive attention.**

**Give the ball back to your opponents if they have put the ball out of play so that one of your teammates could get attention.**

**Do not "bully" or take advantage of any player. Do not accept "bullying" in your club.**

**Co-operate with referees, coaches, teammates and opponents.**

**Remember that the goals of the game are to have fun, improve skills and have fun.**

**At the final whistle applaud and thank your opponents and the referee for the match.**

**Always remember that you owe a duty of care to your opponents.**

**Tackle hard but fairly; do not intend to hurt your opponent.**

**Win with humility – lose with dignity. Nobody likes a sore loser.**

**Do not attempt to cheat by diving or feigning injury in an attempt to con the referee.**

**It is most important that you don't keep secrets. Tell your Club Children's Officer, your Parents, or anyone you trust if some one is causing you harm or distress. You have a right to be safe.**