



South Dublin Panthers



CODES OF CONDUCT

South Dublin Panthers (SDP) is justifiably proud of the long history that American Football has played in Ireland. The past few years have witnessed significant achievements and created lifelong memories for hundreds of people. To ensure that American Football plays a significant part of our future we need to be smarter about the way we preserve the traditions and values of our game.

One of the critical components of our game is the passion that people show for the team & club that they support. We must all work together in the attempt to eliminate this negative passion.

Codes of Conduct are an integral component of sporting activities and the following codes compliment the good work of many individuals and clubs in Ireland.

All Members of the South Dublin Panthers shall adopt Member specific codes and SDP encourages Members to be vigilant in enforcing such codes whether via support for those who constantly abide by the codes and / or harsh penalties for those who fail to act in accordance with the codes.



PLAYER'S CODE OF CONDUCT

- 1• Play by the rules – the rules of your club and the laws of the game.
- 2• Never argue with an umpire or other official – without these people, you can't play football.
- 3• Control your temper - verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players doesn't help you enjoy or win any games.
- 4• Be a team player – It's a team game, treat it that way.
- 5• Treat all players as you would like to be treated – fairly.
- 6• Co-operate with your coach, the umpires and team-mates.
- 7• Play for your own enjoyment & to improve your skills.
- 8• Don't use ugly remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability – you'll let down your coach, team-mates and family if you do – & many such comments are actually now illegal.

By registering with the South Dublin Panthers we agree to abide by these principles. We support the Club in its undertakings and encourage the Club to take any necessary disciplinary actions including the suspension and banning where warranted of any players, parents and or spectators for repeated or serious breaches of these Codes of Conduct.



CLUB CODE OF CONDUCT

By registering as a member with the South Dublin Panthers you agree to all of the below declarations.

I understand that as a member, I must maintain a standard of behaviour and conduct in the best interests of the game and the players/ staff at the club.

I will never bring the club's name or image into disrepute, misrepresent the club or cause any harm to the club's reputation.

In representing myself in an honest manner and without bringing the coaching profession or the Game into disrepute, I will endeavour to uphold the following to the best of my ability:

I will respect the rights, dignity and worth of all individuals within the context of my involvement in American Football, including refraining from any discriminatory practices on the basis of race, religion, ethnic background, or special ability/disability.

I will abide by and teach the Laws of the Game and the Rules of my Club and League/Association.

I will be reasonable in the demands I make on the time commitments of the players in my care, having due consideration for their health and well-being.

I will refrain from any form of personal abuse or unnecessary physical contact with the players in my care.

I will have due consideration for varying maturity and ability levels of my players when designing practice schedules, practice activities and involvement in competition.

I will stress and monitor safety always.

In recognising the significance of injury and sickness, I will seek and follow the physician's advice concerning the return from injury.

I will display and foster respect for umpires, opponents, coaches, administrators, other officials, parents and spectators.

I reject the use of performance enhancing substances in sport and will abide by the guidelines set forth in the IAFA DRUG POLICY.



STATEMENT OF PURPOSE & VALUES

The South Dublin Panthers aims to provide an opportunity for the youth of our area to participate in American Football and enhance their health and well-being through organised sport. The Club, will at all times, endeavour to provide for the health, welfare and well being of its players, supporters and spectators. This aim will be achieved by promoting and developing the following values and objectives:

- 1• A sense of social and community values.
- 2• An environment to nurture the physical and mental development of our youth.
- 3• Respect for officials, opposition players and supporters.
- 4• The virtues of fair and disciplined play.
- 5• Equal opportunities for everyone.

They will be realised by providing as far as reasonable:

- 1• Competent coaches and assistants.
- 2• Adequate facilities, amenities and equipment.
- 3• Supervised social functions encouraging family participation.
- 4• Regular communication and consultation with players and parents.
- 5• Active leadership and management of the Club.

All players, Coaches and Officials, parents, supporters and Committee members have a responsibility at all times when representing the South Dublin Panthers to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner consistent with these values and or Codes of Conduct.