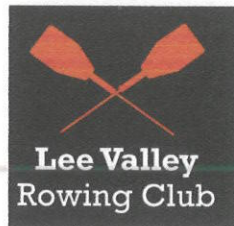


Lee Valley Rowing Club



LVRC Code of Conduct for Junior Members

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4. Relevant/Related Existing External Documents

RI Code of Conduct for Junior Members available at www.rowingireland.com [19.08.2019]

Code of Conduct for Children and Young People

This is one of a series of documents intended to set the standard for behaviour within Rowing. It applies to all Children and Young People, under the age of 18 years, within Irish Rowing.



Rowing for Young People

Rowing Ireland is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of all of its members. It believes that it is important that members, coaches, administrators and parents associated with the sport should, at all times, show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others. Therefore members are encouraged to be open at all times and to share any concerns or complaints that they have about any aspect of the sport with the appropriate Designated Officer who for Rowing Ireland is Tom Fennessey (ROI) and Brenda Ewing (NI).

Rowing Ireland should offer a positive experience to young people where they can learn new things in a safe and positive environment.

As a rower within Rowing Ireland, you are expected to abide by the following code of practice:

Children/Young People are expected to:

- Be loyal and give their friends a second chance
- Be friendly and welcome 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 rowing centre area and rowing area.
- Behave and listen to all instructions from the leader. Stay within the rules and respect umpires and their decisions.
- Take care of equipment owned by the club/sport.
- All members must 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 technologies like chat rooms or texting.
- Refrain from bullying or persistent use of rough and dangerous play.
- Keep to agreed timings for training and competitions or inform the coach or team manager if you are going to be late.
- Wear/bring suitable kit- to include appropriate clothing, footwear, and a full change of clothing and towel- for training and events, as agreed with the coach/team manager.
- Pay any fees for training and events promptly

- Juniors are not allowed to smoke on rowing premises or while representing the club or Rowing Ireland.
- Juniors are not allowed to consume alcohol or drugs of any kind on rowing premises or while representing the club or Rowing Ireland.
- Show respect to other young rowers/leaders and show team spirit
- Keep yourselves safe
- Report inappropriate behaviour or risky situations for young rowers.
- Play fairly and be trustworthy
- Show 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 your club a fun place to be.

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 rowing in a protective environment
- Be referred for professional help if needed
- Be protected from abuse by others in rowing or outside sources
- Participate on an equal basis, appropriate to ability
- Experience competition and the desire to win
- Be believed
- Ask for help

Any misdemeanours or general misbehaviour will be addressed by the immediate coach and reported verbally to the designated person. Persistent misbehaviour will result in dismissal from the club/sport. Parents will be informed at all stages.

Dismissals can be appealed
With final decisions taken by the club committee or referred to the governing body depending on the disciplinary procedures within the sport.

.....Signature of Young Person
.....Printed name of Young person
.....Signature of Parent/Guardian
.....Printed name of Parent/Guardian
.....Date

Parental consent is defined in NI by the Children (NI) Order 1995 Article 6 (i): Natural mother always has parental responsibility, and natural father gains parental responsibility: If married to the mother at the time of birth or subsequently marries her, through an agreement witnessed by solicitor or a Parental responsibility Order, or; post 15 April 2002 if they jointly register the baby's birth. Parental Consent is defined in RoI by the Guardianship of Children Acts, 1964 to 1997: Natural mother always has parental responsibility, and natural father gains parental responsibility: If married to the mother at the time of birth or subsequently marries her, or, through an order under Section 6A (inserted by the Status of Children Act, 1987) of the Act of 1964.