



## Code of Conduct for Parents/Guardians

*Killarney Cycling Club Youth Academy believes that parents have an important role in their child's enjoyment of cycling activities and their continued development and involvement in cycling.*

**\*\*\*Parents/Guardians have the primary responsibility for the care and welfare of their children\*\*\***

**To promote good practice with the club Parents/Guardians should:**

- Be responsible for their children's safety, including delivering and collecting from cycling training/events at the time the session/event starts to immediately after it ends. Parents/Guardians must ensure that their children have a helmet, a working rear light and a high visibility jacket at all training sessions.
- Out of courtesy, if possible, inform a coach/leader if the child will not be attending a training session/scheduled event.
- Occasionally due to bad weather training sessions are cancelled at short notice – all parents/guardians should wait at the training venue with their children until it is known that the training session will be going ahead.
- All parents/guardians must be contactable by telephone for the duration of their child's training session/event in case of emergencies.
- Be a role model for their children and maintain the highest standards of conduct when interacting with children, other parents/guardians, officials and event organisers.
- Encourage you child in fair play and focus on fun and participation rather than performance.

- Always behave responsibly and not seek to unfairly affect the outcome of an event.
- Never intentionally expose any young participant to embarrassment or disparagement by the use of flippant or sarcastic remarks.
- Parents/Guardians should be aware of the relevant leaders and their role within the club. It is important for parents/guardians to recognise the value and importance of the volunteers/leaders who provide sporting/recreational opportunities for children. Do not publicly question the judgment or honesty of commissaries', coaches or organisers. Organise an appropriate time to speak to them in private.
- Encourage their children to compete by the rules of 'Cycling Ireland' and understand that honest endeavour is as important as winning.
- Encourage good sportsmanship.
- Set a good example by applauding good performances even by rival competitors. Encourage mutual respect for teammates and opponents.
- Support all efforts to remove abusive behaviour and bullying and encourage their children to tell them about anyone causing them harm.
- Read and be familiar with 'Cycling Ireland's code of Practice and safeguarding Procedures for Young and Vulnerable Cyclists' and the constitution for Killarney Cycling Club.
- Be encouraged to become members of the club and to contribute their time and effort in the daily running of the club. A club can operate successfully without their help. Parents/guardians should accept that Killarney Cycling Club is not a "Baby-sitting service".
- Parents Guardians have the right to their suggestions and comments being considered and their complaints acknowledged and dealt with confidentially and effectively as they arise.