Code of Expectations for Parents & Guardians

STRANGFORD LOUGH YACHT CLUB

STRANGFORD LOUGH YACHT CLUB is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of all its members. The club believes that it is important that members, coaches, administrators and parents/guardians associated with the club should, at all times, show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others. Therefore, parents/guardians and members are encouraged to be open at all times and to share any concerns or complaints that they may have about any aspect of the club with *Fiona Chamberlain / Colin Cushley*.

Sports clubs for young people should offer a positive experience where they can learn new things in a safe and positive environment.

As a parent/guardian of a youth member of **STRANGFORD LOUGH YACHT CLUB**, you are expected to abide by the following guidelines:

PARENTS/GUARDIANS ARE EXPECTED TO:

- Positively reinforce their child/young person and show an interest in their chosen activity. Support your child's involvement and help them to enjoy their sport.

- Do not place their young person under pressure or push them into activities they do not want to do.

- Complete and return the Health and Consent Form pertaining to their child's participation with Strangford Lough Yacht Club (see junior membership form).

- Deliver and collect the child punctually to and from coaching sessions/matches.

- Ensure their child is properly and adequately attired for the weather conditions of the time, including shorts, shirt, socks, tracksuit, sweat-tops, hat, gloves, water bottles, sun cream etc. (insert sports specific requirements)

- Ensure that proper footwear and protective equipment are worn at **ALL** times in accordance with Health and Safety Regulations. Any child not in possession of the fundamental requirements will not be permitted to participate.

- Detail any health concerns pertaining to the child on the consent form, in particular breathing or chest conditions. Any changes in the state of the child's health should be reported to the coach prior to coaching sessions.

- To inform the coach prior to departure from the field of play if child is to be collected early from a coaching session.

- Encourage their child to play by the rules and teach them that they can only do their best. Help your child to recognise good performance, not just results.

- Set a good example by recognising fair play and applauding good performances of all.
- Behave responsibly on the sidelines; do not embarrass your child.
- Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes.
- Use correct and proper language at all times.
- Encourage and guide performers to accept responsibility for their own performance and behaviour.
- Show appreciation and support the coach.
- Ensure their child is punctual.
- Be realistic and supportive.
- Provide their child with proper clothing and equipment.
- Ensure their child's hygiene and nutritional needs are met.
- Accept the official's judgement.
- Acknowledge the importance and role of the club coaches who provide their time free to ensure children's participation in the club.
- Promote their child's participation in playing sport for **fun**.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS HAVE THE RIGHT TO:

- Know their child is safe.
- Be informed of problems or concerns relating to their children.
- Be informed if their child is injured.
- Have their consent sought for issues such as trips.
- Contribute to decisions within the club.
- Complain if they have concerns about the standard of coaching.

Any misdemeanours and breach of this Code of Conduct will be dealt with immediately by a *Strangford Lough Yacht Club* official. Persistent concerns or breaches will result in the parent/guardian being asked not to attend games if their attendance is detrimental to the child's welfare.

The ultimate action should a parent/guardian continue to breach the code of behaviour may mean the *Strangford Lough Yacht Club* officials regrettably asking the child to leave the club.

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Signature of Parent/Guardian

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Printed name of Parent/Guardian   **Date**