

Spectators/Parents in Galway Bohemians AFC should:

- Remember that although children play organised soccer they are not miniature professionals.
- Children play soccer to develop their skills, to have fun and enjoy the game.
- Be on your best behaviour and lead by example. The behaviour of a teams supporters will often be remembered long after the result of the game. Be remembered for the right reasons.
- Applaud good play, sportsmanship and best effort by the visiting team as well as your own.
- Welcome and respect all your teams opponents. Without them there would be no match.
- Condemn the use of violence in all forms at every opportunity.
- Respect the match officials decisions.
- Remain outside the field of play or within the Designated Spectators' Areas.
- Let the coach do their job and not confuse the players by telling them what to do.
- Support the coach's decisions and discuss any concerns directly with the coach.
- Watch and be familiar with the Coach/Parents Education Video on www.fai.ie.

Spectators/Parents in Galway Bohemians AFC should not:

- Place excessive pressure on children to perform to unrealistically high expectations.
- Verbally abuse players, match officials or opposing supporters. This cannot be accepted in any shape or form.
- Never regard players or match officials as fair targets for ignorant or abusive behaviour.
- Criticise a player for making a mistake – mistakes are part of learning.

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In Galway Bohemians AFC we want children to have fun and develop skills in a safe and Fair Play environment where standards of behaviour are just as important as winning. We recognise that competition and winning is an important goal but winning at all costs does not meet the needs of young players.

Galway Bohemians AFC are aware that recent research would suggest that increasing numbers of children are leaving sport between the ages of eight and thirteen. A number of the most common reasons given were that sport was no longer fun, they did not get to play and an overemphasis on winning. Therefore, we must make every effort to ensure that we keep a balanced approach to competition, make sure all players get a chance to play and strive to keep the fun in soccer.

Children in Galway Bohemians AFC are entitled to:

- Be safe
- Be treated with dignity, sensitivity and respect
- Participate in soccer on an equal basis, appropriate to their ability and stage of development.
- Galway Bohemians AFC have decided that all players are entitled to a minimum playing time of 15 minutes per match. (Consult League rules in this regard) Criteria for team selection should be clearly defined.
- Be happy, have fun and enjoy soccer
- Make a complaint in an appropriate way and have it dealt with through a proper and effective complaints procedure
- Be afforded appropriate confidentiality
- Be listened to and to be believed
- Have a voice in the running of the club