

# Moone Celtic Football Club

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## **Academy 2011**

For 4 to 7 years olds.

# Chairman's Welcome

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On behalf of **Moone Celtic Football Club** I would like to welcome you to the club. Since established in 1989 we have strived year after year to ensure the experience gained by every single member has been a positive one both on and off the field. This year will be no different. In fact, we hope this year can exceed all previous years as we introduce the youngest members of the community to our newly formed "Academy" for 4 to 7 year olds.

We plan to start the Academy in May and run an hour of fun on Saturday mornings at Fortfield Park. Currently we are providing coaching training through the FAI for up to 21 members who have volunteered for coaching in the Academy.

Proper football development requires that children play age appropriate activities so they are able to experience, comprehend, and execute the game as it relates to where they are at their own stage of physical and mental development.

It's about learning the techniques of the game through a variety of fun games where players have as much contact with a ball as possible and learn at their own rates.

So, as we enter into uncharted waters as far as the Academy is concerned we hope through your child's participation and your support and encouragement together we can provide a safe, trusted and enjoyable place for all the budding footballers to develop. But most of all ENJOY the football.

*Aidan Byrne*

# Club Contacts

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# Equipment Needed

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Players should bring training kit suitable for the conditions. Appropriate football boots/training boots, shin pads and a drink should also be brought along to all training sessions and matches. Each player will receive a free club football at the beginning of the season each year.

# Playing Location

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All our training sessions will be held at our home ground "Fortfield Park" just off the old N9 Moone/Timolin bypass unless otherwise notified.

# Cost

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The cost of the 8 week academy course is €30 per child and €50 for a family package (regardless of how many) paid in advance of course commencing. The fees go towards the running cost of the club, including the maintenance of equipment/facilities, insurance, administration etc. All officials, coaches and managers give their time on a purely voluntary basis and the club is run as a non profit making organisation

# MOONE CELTIC FOOTBALL CLUB

## CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

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Moone Celtic Football Club believes that every child and young person that plays football should be able to participate in an enjoyable and safe environment and be protected from abuse. This is the responsibility of every adult involved in football.

Moone Celtic Football Club recognises its responsibility to safeguard the welfare of all children and young people by protecting them from physical, sexual or emotional harm and from neglect or bullying.

The aims of this policy are:

- To develop a positive and pro-active position in order to best protect all children and young people who play football.
- To demonstrate best practice in the area of child protection.
- To promote ethics and high standards throughout football.

The key principles underpinning this Policy are that:

- The child's welfare is, and must always be, the paramount consideration.
- All children and young people have a right to be protected from abuse regardless of their age, gender, disability, culture, language, racial origin, religious beliefs or sexual identity.
- All suspicions and allegations of abuse will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately.

Our Child Protection Designated Person is as follows: **Anthony Hegarty, 087 4112196**

# Code of conduct for parents/carers,

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- Be your child's best fan and support him/her unconditionally.
- When you take your child home after a match or training session, please be supportive and always focus on the positive aspects of his/her game.
- Develop a responsibility in your child to pack his/her own kit, clean his/her boots and take a drinks bottle (full of water or squash only) to practice and games.
- Respect the facilities at our opponents' grounds.
- Do not criticise your child's coach to your child or other parents. If you are not happy with the coach you should raise the issue with the coach.
- Encourage your child to speak with the coach. If your child is having difficulties in training or games, or can't attend training etc. encourage him/her to speak directly to the coaches. This "responsibility taking" is a big part of becoming a mature person. By handling off the field tasks, your child is claiming ownership of all aspects of the game.
- Help your child to focus on the performance and not the result. Remember - winning is not as important as the performance.
- Support all the players in your child's squad. Do not criticise anyone.  
Remember – children don't mean to make mistakes.
- Do not criticise the opponents, their parents or their officials.
- Never audibly dispute a referee's decision. They will make mistakes occasionally. We all do. If you abuse or shout at the referee you are breaking the rules of the game and risk generating a fine for the club. In extreme circumstances we could even be expelled from the League, be forced to play all our games away or play without any spectators present.
- Parents/carers must not coach from the touchline during matches or training. Leave this to the manager/coach or you may cause confusion and erode your child's confidence.
- Parents/carers must not enter the field of play.

**Please remember – the game is for the children. It is not for the glory of the coach, manager or parents.**

# Code of conduct for players

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Players should:

- Play according to the laws and spirit of the game.
- Be on time and be prepared for matches and training sessions.
- Display self-control in all situations. Never use foul or abusive language - before, during or after a game or training session.
- Train and play to the best of your ability, have a positive attitude, and encourage others to do the same.
- Respect the opposition. Treat them as you would like them to treat you.
- Respect the referee. Never dispute his or her decisions. They are only human and they make mistakes, just like you.
- Turn up for training and matches in appropriate and clean clothing.
- Wear the right sort of footwear (studded boots). Note: we recommend against the use of blades on health and safety grounds.
- Always wear shin guards.
- Clean your own boots/trainers!

# Code of conduct for coaches and officials

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A coach's primary responsibility is to make sure that his/her players have fun, develop as footballers and to instil in them a passion for the game.

The performance of coaches is not measured in wins and losses, but rather in what players learn in terms of technique, sportsmanship, and fair play.

Coaches are charged with the responsibility of controlling their players and parents at all times during a match.

Coaches lead and teach by example; our players will be a reflection upon the manager and coach.

Coaches will:

- Use positive reinforcement when dealing with players.
- Never use foul or abusive language and never abuse a player mentally, verbally, or physically.
- Have respect for the authority of the referee, our opponents on match days and the officials of their club.
- Teach your children the rules of the game, fair play, and proper behaviour.
- Develop your child's technique and their decision-making ability.
- Inspect the playing area for hazards and generally make practice sessions and matches as safe as possible for your children. You should be aware, however, that football is a contact sport and your child may be injured. If this happens, we will provide appropriate first aid.

In addition:

- ❖ We will not allow a child to take part in a practice session or a match if she is injured.
- ❖ We will not leave your child unattended at a practice session or a game.
- ❖ We will only allow your child to leave a practice session or a game if a responsible person collects them unless you give written permission for your child to leave on their own.
- ❖ We will always be enthusiastic (even in the pouring rain!)
- ❖ We will try our best to make the game enjoyable for everyone who takes part – players, opponents, parents/carers and spectators.

# CLUB USE OF PLAYER PHOTOGRAPHS

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From time to time we would like to include images of our players and teams on the club website, newsletters and other promotional material. Photographs may also be forwarded to the local press. Through the use of players images we hope to promote the club, however we recognise the need to ensure the safety and welfare of all young people. We will not allow photographs, videos or other images of young people to be taken without the consent of parents/carers and the individual.

Moone Celtic FC will take all possible steps to ensure the images are used solely for the promotion and celebration of the club and no other use.

The club will follow the Football associations Child protection guidelines:

- All children will be appropriately dressed
- Images should focus on the activity and on small groups rather than the individual.
- Images of a child under a court order will not be used
- Personal details will not be revealed
- The consent form must be returned before any images are used
- Any concerns over the inappropriate use of images should be reported to the clubs Child protection officer

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I \_\_\_\_\_ (parent/carer) consent to Moone Celtic FC  
Videoing or photographing \_\_\_\_\_ (name of child).

I also confirm that they are not currently under a court order.

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

I \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of child) consent to the club  
photographing or videoing my involvement in football.

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



# Membership Registration Form and Medical Details

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## PLAYER DETAILS

Full name:

\_\_\_\_\_

Home Address:

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Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

School Year/class: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name & Address:

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I agree to abide by the club rules and codes of conduct and the rules and regulations of the football association and all competitions that the club participate in. Failure to observe these rules could result in expulsion from the club. I understand that Moone Celtic FC accepts no liability for any Personal injury or loss/damage to personal effects whilst attending any club activities. I agree to the club keeping my information on file (The club is bound by the Data Protection Act).

I enclose €30 fee or €50 for family fee (8 week Academy course) . Cheques should be made payable to Moone Celtic FC and returned ASAP.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Print \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## Parent/Guardian Details

Full Names

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Home Address (if different from above)

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Home Tel No/s \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile No/s \_\_\_\_\_

Are you interested in doing more for the club? Please Circle.

Coaching

Administration

Fund raising

Committee

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# PLAYER MEDICAL INFORMATION

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Does your child have any conditions requiring medical treatment, including medication? If yes please give a brief description (i.e. asthma/ carries an inhaler)

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Is your child allergic to any medication, including plasters or any other substances? (if yes please specify)

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Does your child have any special dietary needs?

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Does your child have any other medical conditions we should know about? (if yes please specify)

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Please note none of the clubs representatives will administer any form of medication to your child without specific written instruction.

Name/address of Doctor and Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_

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In the event that a Parent/Guardian cannot be reached, please give to extra emergency contact details.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relation \_\_\_\_\_ Tel Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relation \_\_\_\_\_ Tel Number \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Medical Consent

I agree to a first aid representative of Moone Celtic FC to administering first aid to my child in the event of injury whilst playing football, training or travelling to and from football events.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

(print name) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_