



PARENT'S CODE OF CONDUCT

Parents are encouraged to:

- Be familiar with the coaching and training programme in order that you can ensure that your child is fully involved and that the coaches are aware of their availability
- Be familiar with teaching and training methods used by observing training sessions and games
- Be aware that the Club has a duty of care, and therefore, where appropriate, assist coaches with the supervision of the young players, particularly where numbers are large, and there is a need to transport youngsters to away games
- Be involved with the Club activities and share your expertise
- Share concerns, if you have them, with Club officials
- Be familiar with the Coaches Code of Conduct, in particular:
 - Coaches should recognise the importance of fun and enjoyment when coaching young players
 - Coaches should keep winning and losing in perspective, encouraging players to behave with dignity in all circumstances
 It is important that parents support in instilling these virtues
- Remember that young players play Rugby for their own enjoyment and not that of their parents
- Encourage young people to play – do not force them
- Focus on young players' efforts, rather than winning or losing
- Be realistic about the young players' abilities; do not push them towards a level that they are not capable of achieving
- Provide positive verbal feedback both in training and during the game
- Remember that persistent negative messages will adversely affect the players' and referee's performance and attitude
- Always support the Rugby Club in their efforts to eradicate loud, coarse, and abusive behaviour
- Remember young people learn much by example
- Always show appreciation of good play by all players both from our Club and the opposition
- Respect decisions made by the match official and encourage the players to do likewise

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PLAYER'S CODE OF CONDUCT

Players are encouraged to:

- Recognise and appreciate the efforts made by coaches, parents, match officials and administrators in providing the opportunity for you to play the game and enjoy the Rugby environment
- Understand the values of loyalty and commitment to adults and team mates
- Recognise that every young player has the right to expect their involvement in Rugby to be safe and free from all types of abuse
- Understand that if an individual or group of young players feel that they are not being treated in a manner that is acceptable, then you have the right to tell an adult either at the Rugby Club or outside of the game
- Play because you want to do so, not to please coaches or parents
- Remember that skill development, fun and enjoyment are the most important parts of the game
- Be attentive at all training and coaching sessions
- Work equally hard for yourself and your team – both will then benefit
- Recognise good play by all players on your team and by your opponents
- Be a sportsman – win with dignity, lose with grace
- Play to the IRB laws of the game and accept, without question, all referee's decisions, even if they appear to be a mistake
- Control your emotions. Verbal or physical abuse of team mates, opponents, coaches, match officials, or spectators is not acceptable
- Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully, or take advantage of any player

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