

# Blackburn RUFC Mini and Youth Section

## Coaches' responsibilities

**Responsible to:** Blackburn RUFC Mini and Youth Section Committee

All rugby coaches must respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person with whom they work with and treat them equally within the context of Rugby Union

All rugby coaches must place the physical and emotional well being of all young players above all other considerations, including the development of performance

The relationship that a rugby coach develops with the players with whom they work must be based on mutual trust and respect

All rugby coaches must ensure that all activities undertaken are appropriate to the age, maturity, experience and ability of the young players

All rugby coaches must encourage young players to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance

All rugby coaches should clarify with the young players (and their parents/carers) what is expected of them both on and off the rugby field and also what they are entitled to expect from the coach

All rugby coaches should work in partnership with others within the game (officials, doctors, physiotherapists, sports scientists) to ensure the well-being, safety and enjoyment of all young players

All rugby coaches must promote the positive aspects of the sport e.g. Fair Play etc. Violations of the Laws of the Game, behaviour contrary to the spirit of the Laws of the Game or relevant regulations or the use of prohibited techniques or substances must never be condoned

## Main duties

- To take full responsibility for the club's junior coaching sessions at Ramsgreave Drive Blackburn on Sundays from 10.30am 12midday.
- To prepare all coaching sessions in advance.
- To work with and include any assistant coaches or volunteers in the preparation and running of each session.
- To attend mini and youth club meetings and report on progress.
- To offer the club feedback on the organisation and degree of success of junior coaching and competitions.
- To assist in the selection of teams.
- To travel to competitions with the team(s).
- To inform the Junior Coordinator in advance of any sessions that cannot be attended.

# **BLACKBURN RUFC MINI AND YOUTH SECTION**

Blackburn RUFC is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the well-being of all its members. The club believes that it is important that members, coaches, administrators and parents associated with the club should, at all times, show respect 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 their team coach or any other person they feel appropriate within the club especially the child protection officer.

## **PLAYERS CODE**

- As a member of Blackburn RUFC you are expected to abide by the following players code:
- All members must play within the rules and respect officials and their decisions.
- All members must respect opponents.
- Members should keep to agreed timings for training and competitions or inform their coach or team manager if they are going to be late.
- Members must wear suitable kit for training and match sessions, as agreed with the coach/team manager.
- Members must pay any fees for training or events promptly.

## **CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS/CARERS**

- Encourage your child to learn the rules and play within them.
- Discourage unfair play and arguing with officials.
- Help your child to recognise good performance, not just results.
- Never force your child to take part in sport.
- Set a good example by recognising fair play and applauding the good performances of all.
- Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes.
- Publicly accept officials' judgements and encourage others to do so.
- Support your child's involvement and help them to enjoy their sport.
- Use correct and proper language at all times.
- Report any concerns of inappropriate behaviour to a suitable person within the club

## **Code of conduct for club officials and volunteers**

- Consider the well-being and safety of participants before the development of performance.
- Develop an appropriate working relationship with performers, based on mutual trust and respect.
- Make sure all activities are appropriate to the age, ability and experience of those taking part
- Promote the positive aspects of the sport (e.g. fair play)
- Display consistently high standards of behaviour and appearance
- Follow all guidelines laid down by the national governing body and the club
- Hold the appropriate, valid qualifications and insurance cover
- Never exert undue influence over performers to obtain personal benefit or reward
- Never condone rule violations, rough play or the use of prohibitive substances