

PLAYERS / PARENTS / GUARDIANS / SPECTATORS CODE OF CONDUCT

When completing the medical and consent forms, parents/guardians/spectators and players Agree to abide by the code of conduct listed below and to accept all measures for gross misconduct deemed appropriate by the committee of Deal and Betteshanger RFC.

PLAYERS

1. The club expects fair play at all times. Shake hands with match officials and opponents after the game (whatever the result).
2. Do not become involved in disputes with officials, opponents or spectators. Control your temper and do not use foul, abusive or racist language towards officials, opponents or spectators. Do not applaud the sending-off or the errors of opponents.
3. Treat everyone equally regardless of sex, disability, ethnic origin or religion.
4. Let the referee handle incidents in the game. Do not retaliate against opponents.
5. Treat the changing rooms and facilities of all Clubs you visit with respect.
6. Teamwork, effort and enjoyment are as important as winning. Learn to win and lose with dignity
7. Cooperate with your coach, team, opponents and referee, for without them you do not have a game.
8. Remember you are representing your Club. Be sensible and enjoy yourself.

SPECTATORS / PARENTS / GUARDIANS

1. Remember your actions influence the mood of the players and the game. Do not applaud foul play, and do not incite your players to foul. Do not use foul, abusive or racist language to players or other spectators. Do not ridicule opponents for their mistakes.
2. Recognise that children play for fun. They are not miniature professionals or internationals. Encourage all players and applaud their efforts.
3. Teach the children that taking part and trying their best is more important than the result of the match.
4. Stand away from the touchline. You must not enter the field of play during a game unless asked to do so by the referee.
5. Remember, when you are supporting your team, you are representing the Club
6. You are subject to the laws of the game. You can be cautioned, reported, sent away from the ground, and suspended from attending any matches.
7. Recognise the importance of volunteer coaches; they give their time and resources to provide a game for young players. Do not abuse match officials, however much you disagree with their decision, emphasise respect for the referee by **not** questioning his decision.
8. Be aware that children in the U6 - U9s teams must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times.
9. In most instances it is the responsibility of parents, not the club, to transport your child to matches. If you make arrangements for other parents to take you child, this is a private arrangement and at your discretion.

In the event that any player/spectator/parent/guardian contravenes any of the items listed above, disciplinary actions could be carried out.

**Rugby is a game, which should be played in a spirit of friendship.
The game should also be enjoyed by players, match officials and spectators alike.**