

CODES OF CONDUCT

COACH'S CODE

1. Be reasonable in your demands on the young player's time, energy and enthusiasm. Remember that they have other interests
2. Teach your players that the laws of the game are mutual agreements which no-one should break.
3. Avoid over-playing the talented players. The "just average" players need and deserve equal time.
4. Remember that children play for fun and enjoyment and that winning is only part of it. Never ridicule or yell at the children for making mistakes or losing a game.
5. Ensure that equipment and facilities are safe and appropriate to the age and ability of the players.
6. Develop respect for the ability of opponents as well as for the judgement of officials and opposing coaches
7. Follow the advice of a doctor in determining when an injured player is ready to play again.
8. Gain respect by being generous with your praise when it is deserved and set a good example in every way.
9. Improve your players through coaching – frequent match play or long practice sessions do not guarantee development.
10. Make a personal commitment to keep yourself informed on sound coaching principles of growth and development of children.
11. Never Smoke in the presence of Children

PLAYER'S CODE

1. Participate for the “fun” of it, not just to please your parents or coach.
2. Play to the Laws of the Game.
3. Accept all the referee's decisions.
4. Control your temper – you and your team will benefit.
5. Recognise all good play, whether by your team or by your opponent's team – be a good sport.
6. Treat all players as you yourself would like to be treated.
7. Don't interfere with, bully, or take unfair advantage of any player.
8. Remember, as well as enjoyment, the aims of the game are to improve your skills and feel good. Do not be a show-off.
9. Co-operate with your coach, referee, team-mates and opponents, for without them you don't have a game.
10. Work equally hard for yourself and your team – your team's performance will benefit and so will you.
11. Smoking is not allowed by any junior player while representing the Club

PARENT'S AND SPECTATOR'S CODE

1. Foster enthusiastic participation, do not force an unwilling child to participate in rugby.
2. Educate your child always to play by the Laws of the Game.
3. Instill in children an understanding and enjoyment of the value of coaching.
4. Acknowledge the value and importance of volunteer coaches and referees. They give freely of their time and resources to provide rugby for children.
5. Recognise that children play rugby for their own fun. They are not there to entertain you and they are not miniature internationals!
6. Emphasise respect for referees by not publicly questioning the referee's honesty or decision making – have you refereed without error?
7. Encourage a child who has made a mistake during a game – never ridicule.
8. Applaud good play by your team and by members of the opposing team – children learn best by example.
9. Teach children that honest effort is as important as victory, so that defeat is accepted without undue disappointment.
10. Condemn bad behaviour and bad language.
11. Try not to shout continually and at children, shout occasionally and for them.
12. Remember: it's only a game?
13. Parents must not enter the Changing Rooms unless asked to do so
By a Club Official
14. Parents are expected to travel to away games with their Child
15. Please remember the club is not a crèche

SPECTATORS

Will recognise the importance of points 4.11 above