

Section 11 - CODES OF CONDUCT

THE GOOD SPECTATOR'S CODE

Spectators are encouraged to:

- act as positive role models to all young players.
- be familiar with, and abide by, the RFU Child Protection Guidance in relation to verbal and emotional abuse.
- respect the rugby club with regard to spectator behaviour.

Spectators should:

- remember children play sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- acknowledge good individual and team performance from all youngsters irrespective of the team for whom they play.
- respect match officials' decisions. Remember - they are volunteers providing an opportunity for youngsters to play rugby.
- never verbally abuse young players, match officials, fellow spectators or coaches. Such behaviour can create a negative environment for young players and their behaviour will often reflect this.
- acknowledge effort and good performance rather than the 'win at all costs' ethic.
- verbally encourage all youngsters in a positive way. If you do want to shout make sure it is 'for', not 'at' the players.
- encourage all youngsters irrespective of their ability - never ridicule any individual player, regardless of the team for whom they play.

