

Swaffham Rugby Union Football Club

Player's code of Conduct

This policy is in line with the RFU published code of conduct for this group of individuals.

Young players should recognise that many people in Rugby Union and within Swaffham Rugby Union Football Club are working to provide a safe and enjoyable game in which they can develop both as a player and as an individual.

The club encourages young players to

- Recognise and appreciate the efforts made by coaches, parents, volunteers, match officials and administrators in providing them with the opportunity to play the game and enjoy the rugby environment.
- Understand the value of loyalty and commitment to adults and team-mates.
- Recognise that every young player has a 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 they have a right to tell an adult either at the club or outside of the game.

In Rugby Union and at Swaffham Rugby Union Football Club you should:

- Play because **you** want to do so, not to please coaches or parents
- Remember skill development, fun and enjoyment are the most important parts of the game.
- Be attentive at all training/coaching sessions.
- Work equally hard for yourself and your team and both will then benefit.
- Recognise good play by **ALL** players on your team and by your opponents.
- Be a sportsman – win or lose.
- Play to the laws of the game and accept, **without question**, all referees' decisions.
- Control your emotions. Verbal or physical abuse of team-mates, opponents or match officials **IS NOT ACCEPTABLE**.
- Treat all players, as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of any player.

Most of all enjoy playing the game in the spirit Rugby is played around the world.