

Swaffham Rugby Union Football Club

Supporter's code of Conduct

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

Young rugby players are impressionable and their behaviour will often reflect that of the adults around them. In Rugby Union and at Swaffham Rugby Union Football Club we welcome spectators and supporters on our touchlines who embrace the ethos of the game as one of FUN, ENJOYMENT and SKILL DEVELOPMENT.

At Swaffham Rugby Union Football Club supporters are encouraged to:

- Act as positive 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 club policy with regards to supporter behaviour.

At Swaffham Rugby Football Union Club supporters should:

- Remember children play sport for their enjoyment not yours.
- Acknowledge good individual and team performance from ALL youngsters irrespective of which team they play for.
- Respect match officials decisions.
REMEMBER, they are volunteers providing an opportunity for youngsters to play rugby.
- **NEVER VERBALLY ABUSE YOUNG PLAYERS, MATCH OFFICIALS, FELLOW SUPPORTERS 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.
 - Condemn bad language, rude behaviour and violence.
 - Encourage all youngsters irrespective of their ability – never ridicule any individual player, regardless of the team they play for.
 - Remember – **It's only a game!**