



## Spectator Code 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 '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.

Encourage the 5 core principles of the RFU, Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline, Sportsmanship.

### PLEASE KEEP THIS FOR YOUR INFORMATION

*As recommended by the RFU*



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