

# Code of Conduct for parents



- Condemn all violent or illegal acts, whether they are by players, coaches, officials, parents or spectators.
- Respect the referee's decisions – don't complain or argue about calls or decisions during or after a game.
- Behave! Unsportsmanlike language, harassment or aggressive behaviour will not be tolerated.
- Encourage players to play by the laws and to respect opposition players and officials.
- Never ridicule or scorn a player for making a mistake – respect their efforts.
- Understand that sport is part of a total life experience, and the benefits of involvement go far beyond the final score of a game.
- Participate in positive cheering that encourages the players in the team you are supporting; do not engage in any cheering that taunts or intimidates opponents, their fans or officials.
- Remember that children participate in Rugby Union for their own enjoyment, not yours!
- At all times, follow the directions of the Ground Marshall and/or other match day staff.
- Never arrive at a game under the influence of alcohol or illicit substances.

# Code of Conduct for players



- Play because you want to, not to please coaches or parents.
- Remember that skill development, fun and enjoyment are the most important parts of the game.
- Be focussed and attentive at all training and coaching sessions.
- Work as hard for your team as for yourself - both will then benefit.
- Be a sportsman - win or lose - and recognise good play by all players on both teams.
- Support your team mates whether they perform well or make mistakes - no one is perfect.
- Play to the Laws of the Game and accept, without question, all referees decisions.
- Control your emotions. Verbal or physical abuse of teammates, opponents, or match officials is totally unacceptable.
- Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Do not abuse, bully or take advantage of any player.