

Mini and Junior Rugby Player's Code of Conduct

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

In Rugby Union players are encouraged to:

- Recognise and appreciate the efforts made by coaches, parents, match officials and administrators in providing them with the opportunity to play the game and enjoy the rugby environment
- Understand the values of loyalty and commitment to adults and teammates
- To understand that if an individual or group of young players feel that they are not being treated in a manner that is acceptable, they have the right to tell an adult either at the rugby club or outside of the game

In Rugby Union, as a young player, you should:

- Play because you want to 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, both will benefit
- Check your kit to ensure you comply with the Laws
- 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 the referee's 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
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Parent's / Guardian's Code of Conduct:

- Ensure there is a parent/ guardian responsible for your child before, during and after any activities (home or away)
- Respect all match officials at all times
- Never enter the field of play during a match without permission from a match official
- Support and applaud good play from both teams
- Never use offensive language
- Never force your child to play rugby
- Dignity in victory, magnanimity in defeat
- Adhere to the core values of Rugby: Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline and Sportsmanship
- Always remember Children are playing rugby for fun
- Ensure children respect the club facilities (don't enter in boots / muddy kids)
- Enjoy the rugby your child is playing