

## PARENTS AND SPECTATORS CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Foster enthusiastic participation. Do not force an unwilling child to participate in Rugby.
2. Educate your Child always to play by the Laws of the game.
3. Instil in Children an understanding and enjoyment of the value of training.
4. Acknowledge the value and importance of volunteer coaches and referees. They give freely of their time and resources to provide Rugby for children.
5. Emphasise respect for referees by not publicly questioning the referee's honesty or decision-making.
6. Encourage a child who has made a mistake during a game. Never ridicule.
7. Applaud good play by your team and by members of the opposing team. Children learn best by example.
8. Teach Children that honest effort is as important as victory so that defeat is accepted without undue disappointment.
9. Condemn bad behaviour and bad language, via the coach.
10. Try not to shout continually and support children. Shout occasionally and for them.
11. It's only a game!!!.
12. Don't try and coach from the sidelines, the children already have a coach.
13. At away fixtures, remember you are representing the club.
14. Failure to comply with the above codes could result in your child/children's withdrawal or suspension from the club.

## PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Participate for the fun of it, not just to please your parents or coach
2. Play by the Laws of the game.
3. Accept all the referees decisions
4. Control your temper. You and your team will benefit.
5. Keep trying even when it seems hopeless.
6. Be a good sport. Recognise all good play whether by your team or by your opponents team.
7. Treat all players, as you would like to be treated. Don't interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of any player.
8. Remember, as well as enjoyment, the aims of the game are to improve your skills and to feel good. Do not be a show off.
9. Cooperate with your coach, referee, team-mates and opponents, for without them you don't have a game.
10. Encourage each other instead of criticizing.
11. Listen to and respect your coaches. They are there to help you.
12. Be a good winner as well as a good loser. Don't crow and don't cry.
13. Failure to comply with the above codes could result in your withdrawal or suspension.

## COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Be reasonable in your demands on the young players time, energy and enthusiasm. Remember that they have other interests.
2. Teach your players that the laws of the game should not be broken and the spirit of the game should always be upheld.
3. Avoid over-playing the talented players. All players need and deserve equal time.
4. Remember that children play for fun and enjoyment and that winning is only part of it.
5. Never ridicule or yell at the children for making mistakes or losing a competition.
6. Ensure that equipment and facilities are safe and appropriate to the age and ability of the players.
7. Develop team respect for the ability of opponents and for the judgment of officials and opposing coaches.
8. Arrive at training sessions and games on time and if not able to do so make alternative arrangements.
9. Gain respect by being generous with your praise and set a good example in every way.
10. Improve your players through coaching. Frequent match play or long training sessions do not guarantee development.
11. Make a personal commitment to keep yourself informed on sound coaching principles and principles of growth and development of children.

## REFEREES CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Behave and dress at all times in a manner becoming to your responsibility.
2. Know the laws and regulations and apply them to the match skill level of the players.
3. Seek to control the game with enjoyment rather than domination.
4. Play advantage whenever possible in order to let the game flow.
5. Ensure you are fit enough to keep up with play.
6. Explain your decisions. Be consistent, objective and courteous.
7. Penalize deliberate foul play as being un-sportsmanlike.
8. Compliment players on good play whenever praise is deserved. Always compliment both teams at the end of the match.
9. Keep yourself informed of all law changes affecting mini rugby.
10. Join your county referees society and become a qualified referee. The more refereeing you do the easier it is to cope.