

The Good Player's Code

Players should be encouraged to:

- A. Recognise and appreciate the efforts made by coaches, parents, match officials and administrators in providing the opportunity to play the game and enjoy the rugby environment.
- B. Understand the values of loyalty and commitment to adults and team mates.
- C. Recognise that every player has a right to expect their involvement in rugby to be safe and free from all types of abuse.
- D. Understand that if an individual or group of players feel they are not being treated in a manner that is acceptable, then they should tell an adult either at the Club or School or outside of the game.
- E. Play because they want to do so, not to please coaches or parents.
- F. Remember that skill development, fun and enjoyment are the most important parts of the game.
- G. Be attentive at all training and coaching sessions.
- H. Work equally hard for themselves and their team - both will then benefit.
- I. Recognise good play by all players on their team and by their opponents.
- J. Be a sportsman - win with dignity, lose with grace.
- K. Play to the I.R.B. Laws of the Game and accept, without question, all referees' decisions even if they appear to make a mistake.
- L. Control their emotions. Verbal or physical abuse of team mates, opponents, coaches, match officials or spectators is not acceptable.
- M. Treat all players, as they would like to be treated themselves. Do not interfere with, bully or take advantage of any player.

The Good Spectator's Code

Clubs should encourage spectators to:

- A. Act as positive role models to all players.
- B. Be familiar with, and abide by, the RFU Child Protection Guidance in relation to verbal and emotional abuse.
- C. Respect guidance from the Club or School with regard to spectator behaviour.
- D. Remember children play sport primarily for their own enjoyment, not for that of the spectators.
- E. Acknowledge good individual and team performance from all players irrespective of the team in which they play.
- F. Respect match officials' decisions, even if they appear to make a mistake

- remember, they are volunteers providing an opportunity for players to play rugby.
- G. Never verbally abuse players, coaches, match officials or fellow spectators: such behaviour can create a negative environment for players and their behaviour will often reflect this.
- H. Acknowledge effort and good performance rather than 'to win at all costs'.
- I. Verbally encourage all players in a positive manner, shouting 'for', not 'at', the players.
- J. Encourage all players irrespective of their ability - never ridicule any individual player, regardless of the team in which they play.