



PARENTS, GUARDIANS AND SPECTATORS POLICY



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Rugby has 5 core values and they are fundamental to the game and all those who partake in the game: Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline and Sportsmanship

- 1) Acknowledge the value and importance of volunteer referees. They give time freely. Do not abuse match officials, however much you disagree with their decision, emphasise respect for the referee by not questioning his decision.
- 2) The coaches and officials of the club are all volunteers. They should be treated with respect at all times. The decisions they make will be in line with our coaching policy, the players and team will be at the forefront of those decisions. Should you disagree with their decisions, please consult them directly in an appropriate environment and manner. Any concerns can be escalated to the Club Coaching Coordinator and/or Safeguarding Officer.
- 3) Remember, your actions influence the mood of the players and the game. Do not applaud foul play, and do not incite your players to foul. Do not use foul, abusive or racist language to players or other spectators. Do not ridicule opponents for their mistakes.
- 4) Recognise that children play for fun. They are not miniature professionals or internationals. Encourage all players and applaud their efforts.
- 5) Acknowledge the fact that players are learning the game and will be at different stages in their development, they need to play to improve.
- 6) Teach the children that taking part and trying their best is more important than the result of the match.
- 7) Stand away from the touchline. You must not enter the field of play during a game unless asked to do so by the referee.
- 8) Remember, when you are supporting your team, you are representing the Club.
- 9) You are subject to the laws of the game. You can be cautioned, reported, sent away from the ground, and suspended from attending any matches.

In the event that any player/spectator/parent/guardian contravenes any of the items listed above, disciplinary actions could be carried out.

Be sensible and enjoy yourself.

For further information, or if you have any concerns, please contact the club's Safeguarding Officer, full discretion will be observed.

I, the undersigned acknowledge and agree to abide by the policy outlined above.

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