



## Code of Contact & Notes for Parents / Guardians / Players

Mini and Youth Rugby is operated on a voluntary basis and is completely dependant on the good will and dedication of the members and parents who help with coaching. Team management, refereeing and transport. All coaches, members and parents / guardians are expected to abide by the code of conduct as listed below.

### For Players

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Play for enjoyment and become part of the rugby family.</li> <li>• Respect the 'Game of Rugby' and play within the Laws of the Game.</li> <li>• Accept the referee's decision and let your captain or coach ask any relevant questions.</li> <li>• Play with control. Do not lose your temper.</li> <li>• Always do your best and be committed to the game, your team and your club.</li> <li>• Be a 'good sport'. Applaud all good play whether by your team or the opposition.</li> <li>• Respect your opponent. Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Do not 'bully' or take advantage of any player.</li> <li>• Rugby is a team sport and make sure you cooperate with your coach; team mates and members of your club.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remember that the goals of the game are to have fun, improve your skills and feel good.</li> <li>• At the end of the match thank your opponents and the referee for the match.</li> <li>• Always remember that you owe a duty of care to your opponents. Tackle hard but fairly, do not intend to hurt your opponent.</li> <li>• Winning and losing is part of sport: Win with humility – lose with dignity.</li> <li>• As part of the team it is important that you attend training regularly and listen to your coach and help your team.</li> <li>• As a team sport it is important to understand that all members are important to the team!</li> <li>• Remember you are representing your team, club, family and the Game of Rugby</li> </ul> |
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### For Parents

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remember, young people play rugby for their enjoyment, not only yours.</li> <li>• Encourage your child always to play by the Laws of the Game.</li> <li>• Teach young children that honest endeavor is as important as winning, so that the result of each game is accepted without disappointment.</li> <li>• Help young people to work towards skill improvement and good sportsmanship.</li> <li>• Set a good example by applauding good play on both sides.</li> <li>• Never ridicule, humiliate or shout at young players for making a mistake or losing a match.</li> <li>• Do not place emphasis on winning at all costs.</li> <li>• Understand the value of team sport and its importance.</li> <li>• Unregistered players are not permitted to participate in training or matches.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do not force an unwilling child to participate in the playing of rugby. If the child is to play, he/she will do so in good time through your encouragement.</li> <li>• Support all efforts to remove verbal &amp; physical abuse from rugby.</li> <li>• As a spectator do not use profane language or harass referees, coaches or players.</li> <li>• Do not publicly question the referee's judgement and never their honesty.</li> <li>• Recognise the value and importance of volunteer referees and coaches.</li> <li>• Identify and acknowledge the good qualities of the Game of Rugby and uphold these values.</li> <li>• Remember you and your child's contribution to the Game of Rugby is very important to the IRFU and be proud of your contribution.</li> </ul> |
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### For Spectators

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remember that although young people play organized rugby they are not 'miniature internationals'.</li> <li>• Be on your best behavior and lead by example. Do not use profane language or harass referees, players or coaches.</li> <li>• Applaud good play by the visiting team as well as your own.</li> <li>• Show respect for your team's opponents. Without them there would not be a match.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Condemn the use of violence in all forms at every opportunity.</li> <li>• Verbal abuse of players or referees cannot be accepted in any shape of form.</li> <li>• Players or referees are not fair targets for ignorant behavior.</li> <li>• Encourage young players to play by the Laws of the Game.</li> <li>• Spectators can contribute to the enjoyment of the event and all involved.</li> <li>• Be proud of your club and the Game of Rugby.</li> </ul> |
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