

## **CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PLAYERS**

Players are the most important people in any sport. Playing for the team, and for the team to win, is the most fundamental part of the game. But not winning at any cost – Fair Play and respect for all others in the game is essentially important.

Responsibility towards the game, as a player you should –

1. Make every effort to develop your own sporting abilities, in terms of skill, technique, tactics and stamina.
2. Give maximum effort and strive for the best possible performance during a game, even if the team is in a position where the desired result has already been achieved.
3. Set a positive example for others, particularly young players and supporters.
4. Respect match officials' decisions.
5. Avoid all forms of gamesmanship and time wasting.
6. Always have regards to the best interests of the game.
7. Not use inappropriate language and behaviour.
8. The Club is committed to a youth rugby environment that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol. Youth members are not allowed to consume alcohol or drugs of any kind on the club premises or whilst representing the Club.

Responsibility towards your own team, as a player you should –

1. Make every effort consistent with Fair Play and the Laws of the Game to help your own team win.
2. Resist any influence which might, or might be seen to bring into question your commitment to the team winning.

***Where a player of the Club becomes aware that any representative of the Club become involved in inappropriate behaviours, or behaviours that otherwise has, or is likely to bring the Club into disrepute they must inform the President at the earliest opportunity. These behaviours do not need to have occurred while the individual is representing the Club at the time of the incident.***

***Any player in serious breach of the Code of Conduct or bringing the club into disrepute may be refused the right to train, play or be selected for any team, for an appropriate period of time.***