



North Ribblesdale R.U.F.C.

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Parents Code of conduct

PARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO:

- Be familiar with the coaching and training programme in order that you can ensure that your child is fully involved and the coaches are aware of their availability.
- Be familiar with the teaching and coaching methods used by observing the sessions in which your child participates.
- Be aware that the club has a duty of care and therefore, where appropriate, assist coaches with the supervision of the young players, particularly where numbers are large and there is a need to transport youngsters to away games.
- Be involved with club activities and share your expertise.
- Share concerns, if you have them, with club officials.
- Remember that young people play rugby for their own enjoyment not that of their parents.
- Encourage young people to play - never force an unwilling child to play...
- Be realistic about the young players' abilities; do not push them towards a level that they are not capable of achieving.
- Provide positive verbal feedback both in training and during the game.
- Remember that persistent, negative messages will adversely affect the players' and referee's performance and attitude.
- Always support the rugby club in their efforts to eradicate loud, coarse and abusive behaviour from the game.
- Remember young people learn much by example.
- Always show appreciation of good play by all young players both from your own club and the opposition. Always applaud good play by either team.
- Respect decisions made by the match officials and encourage the young players to do likewise. Remember - they are volunteers providing an opportunity for youngsters to play rugby.
- Never verbally abuse young players, match officials, fellow spectators or coaches. Such behaviour can create a negative environment for young players and their behaviour will often reflect this.
- Acknowledge effort and good performance rather than the 'win at all costs' ethic.
- Verbally encourage all youngsters in a positive way. If you do want to shout make sure it is 'for', not 'at' the players.
- Encourage all youngsters irrespective of their ability - never ridicule any individual player, regardless of the team for whom they play. Never scold or ridicule a child for making a mistake during the game.
- Always encourage your child to play by the laws of the game.
- Supporters/Parents are requested to set a good example to the young players.
- Foster enthusiastic participation.
- Do not encroach onto the field of play. Coaches and referees are qualified to be there. If you want to get involved in Mini-Rugby, join them and learn how.
- Encourage respect for referees and line judges. Do not publicly question decisions or honesty. Like the coaches, he is a volunteer and unpaid. He has given up his spare time. If you abuse him, he might not return. And how can your child play Mini-Rugby without a referee?
- Teach your child that victory isn't everything - playing as well as you can is just as important. On any day, no more than half the teams can win, so defeat is no disgrace.