



Finsbury Park RFC



Code of Conduct

Code of Conduct for Players and Club Members

THE GOOD PLAYER'S CODE

PLAYERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO:

- Recognise and appreciate the efforts made by coaches, parents, match officials and administrators in providing the opportunity for you to play the game and enjoy the rugby environment.
- Understand the values of loyalty and commitment to adults and teammates.
- Recognise that every player has a right to expect their involvement in rugby to be safe and free from all types of abuse.
- If you feel that you are not being treated in a manner that is acceptable, please report it to either an official club matchday representative (coach, physio or playing captain) or club committee member.

PLAYERS SHOULD:

- Play because you want to do so, not to please others.
- Remember that skill development, fun and enjoyment are the most important parts of the game.
- Be attentive at all training and coaching sessions.
- Work equally hard for yourself and your team - both will then benefit.
- Recognise good play by all players on your team and by your opponents.
- Be a sportsman - win or lose.
- Play to the Laws of the Game and accept, without question, all referees' decisions.
- Control your emotions. Verbal or physical abuse of teammates, opponents, or match officials is not acceptable.
- Treat all players, as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take advantage of any player.

MEMBERS/ PLAYERS SHOULD NOTE:

- When wearing club attire or attending any event on behalf of the club, players are expected to act in a respectful and responsible manner.
- Verbal harassment or abuse will not be tolerated.
- Physical harassment or abuse will not be tolerated
- Sexual harassment or abuse will not be tolerated.
- Drug abuse will not be tolerated.

Code of Conduct for Spectators

THE GOOD SPECTATOR'S CODE

SPECTATORS ARE ENCOURAGED TO:

- Act as positive role models to all players.
- Be familiar with, and abide by, the RFU Child Protection Guidance in relation to verbal and emotional abuse (where necessary).
- Respect the rugby club with regard to spectator behaviour.

SPECTATORS SHOULD:

- Remember all players play sport for their enjoyment not yours.
- Acknowledge good individual and team performance from all players irrespective of the team for whom they play.
- Respect match officials' decisions. Remember - they are volunteers providing an opportunity for all players to play rugby.
- Never verbally abuse players, match officials, fellow spectators or coaches. Such behaviour can create a negative environment for players and their behaviour will often reflect this.
- Acknowledge effort and good performance rather than the 'win at all costs' ethic.
- Verbally encourage all players in a positive way. If you do want to shout make sure it is 'for', not 'at' the players.
- Encourage all players irrespective of their ability - never ridicule any individual player, regardless of the team for whom they play.

SPECTATORS SHOULD NOTE:

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Code of Conduct for Officials

THE GOOD MATCH OFFICIAL'S CODE

MATCH OFFICIALS SHOULD:

- Recognise the importance of fun and enjoyment when officiating amateur players.
- Provide positive verbal feedback in a constructive and encouraging manner during games.
- Emphasise the spirit of the game.
- Appreciate the needs of the players before the needs of the sport.
- Understand the physical, social and psychological development of players.
- Be a positive role model. You set an example, and as such, comments you receive should be positive and supportive.
- Look to professional development to enhance your ability officiating.

MATCH OFFICIALS MUST:

- Recognise that the safety of players is paramount.
- Explain decisions - all players are still learning.
- Always penalise foul play.
- Play advantage whenever possible in order to let the game flow.
- Show empathy for the experience and ability of players.
- Be consistent and objective.
- Ensure that verbal abuse from players, coaches or spectators is not tolerated and is dealt with by club officials immediately.
- Be aware of, and abide by, the RFU Child Protection Guidance policies and procedures where applicable.

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Note: Anyone in breach of the code of conduct will be subject to the Club Disciplinary Process from the Club Disciplinary Committee.

This could result in internal or external consequences, in line with the RFU and Club Disciplinary Guidelines, and at the discretion of the Club Disciplinary Committee.