

Colchester Rugby Football Club

Code of Conduct: Youth, Mini & School Spectators

1. Club and schools should encourage spectators to:
 - a) Act as positive role models to all players.
 - b) Be familiar with, and abide by, the RFU Child Protection Guidelines in relation to verbal and emotional abuse.
 - c) Respect guidance from the Club or School with regard to spectator behaviour.
 - d) Remember children play sport primarily for their own enjoyment, not for that of spectators.
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 - f) Acknowledge good individual and team performance from all players irrespective of the team in which they play.
 - g) Respect match officials' decisions, even if they appear to be a mistake – remember, they are volunteers providing an opportunity for players to play rugby.
 - h) Never verbally abuse players, coaches, match officials or fellow spectators: such behaviour can create a negative environment for players and their behaviour will often reflect this.
 - i) Acknowledge effort and good performance rather than 'to win at all costs'.
 - j) Verbally encourage all players in a positive manner, shouting 'for' not 'at' the players.
 - k) Encourage all players irrespective of their ability – never ridicule any individual player, regardless of the team in which they play.

