



Crowborough RFC Code of Conduct for Match Officials

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1.0. Code of Conduct for Match Officials:

- 1.1 Must recognise that the safety of players is of paramount importance. Ensure that all players play matches/tournaments in a safe environment.
- 1.2 Must be familiar with the CRFC Accident Procedures which can be found on the Club's website (www.crowboroughrugby.com) under (**INFORMATION**) - (**POLICIES & PROCEDURES**) - (**ACCIDENT & EMERGENCY PROCEDURES**) and on the Club Notice Board.
- 1.3 Be aware of, and abide by, the CRFC Safeguarding Policy which can be found on the Club website (www.crowboroughrugby.com) under (**INFORMATION**) - (**POLICIES & PROCEDURES**) - (**SAFEGUARDING POLICY**).
- 1.4 Recognise the importance of fun and enjoyment when officiating players.
- 1.5 Provide positive verbal feedback in a constructive and encouraging manner, to all young players, during training sessions and matches.
- 1.6 Emphasise the spirit of the game.
- 1.7 Appreciate the player's needs, before the needs of the sport.
- 1.8 Understand the physical and behavioural development of players.
- 1.9 Be a positive role model. Set an example, and as such comments should always be positive and supportive.
- 1.10 Look to self-improvement (e.g. participation in training courses)
- 1.11 Explain decisions, especially when refereeing Youth and Mini matches as these players are still learning the game.
- 1.12 Must always penalise foul play.
- 1.13 Play advantage whenever possible in order to let the game flow.
- 1.14 Show empathy for the age and ability of the players.
- 1.15 Be consistent and objective.
- 1.16 Be familiar with the CRFC Code of Conduct for Spectators which can be found on the Club website (www.crowboroughrugby.com) under (**INFORMATION**) - (**POLICIES & PROCEDURES**) - (**CONDUCT CODES SPECTATORS**) and ensure that verbal abuse from players, coaches or spectators is not tolerated and is dealt with by CRFC Club Officials immediately.
- 1.17 Officiate to the World Rugby Laws of Rugby Union and keep updated on rule changes.
- 1.18 Check the arrangements for the provision of First Aid and that ambulance access has not been obstructed.
- 1.19 Check that studs and other items of clothing are in accordance with the iRB Laws of the Game before all training sessions and matches.