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## All Persons:

1. must ensure that the game is played and conducted in accordance with disciplined and sporting behaviour and must acknowledge that it is not sufficient to rely solely upon the match officials to maintain those principles;
2. shall co-operate in ensuring that the spirit of the Laws of the game is upheld. Clubs shall refrain from selecting players guilty of foul play;
3. shall not repeatedly breach Laws of the Game.;
4. shall accept and observe the authority and decisions of the referees, assistant referees, other match officials and all rugby disciplinary bodies, subject to the international Rugby Board's Regulation 17 (Illegal and/or Foul Play and Misconduct);
5. shall not publish or cause to be published criticism of the manner in which a referee or assistant referee handled a match;
6. shall not publish or cause to be published criticism of the manner in which Scottish Rugby handled or resolved any dispute or disciplinary matter resulting from a breach of the Bye-Laws, Rules and Regulations, or Laws of the Game;
7. shall not engage in any conduct or any activity on or off the field that may impair public confidence in the honest and orderly conduct of a match, tour, tournament or series of matches (including, but not limited to, the supply of information in relation to the Game, directly or indirectly, to bookmakers);
8. shall promote the reputation of the Game and take all possible steps to prevent it from being brought into disrepute;
9. shall not commit a doping offence as defined in IRB Regulation 21 (Anti -Doping);
10. shall not abuse, threaten or intimidate a referee, assistant referee or any other match official on or off the field of play;
11. shall not use foul or abusive language or gestures towards referees or other match officials, players or team personnel or spectators;
12. shall not do anything which is likely to intimidate, offend, insult, humiliate, or discriminate against any other person on the ground of religion, race, colour, national, or ethnic origin, sex or sexual orientation;
13. shall not do anything which adversely affects the game of Rugby Football, Scottish rugby any member club or union or any commercial partner of the game.

## Every person is under an obligation to comply with this Code of Conduct.

Breaches of this Code of Conduct may result in the Discipline Panel of Scottish Rugby imposing Penalties as it deems appropriate.

**Rugby's Strong in Fife**