

## **Barking RFC Code of Conduct Policy**

Barking RFC is grateful that as guardians you have chosen the club as a place for your child to learn and enjoy the great game of rugby and all the life skills that come with it. As we look to relaunch our mini and youth section, the club aims to do everything within its capacity to ensure your children consistently develop and enjoy a positive experience. To help us achieve this we ask for all individuals involved to adhere to the following;

Everyone involved in rugby in England, whether as a player, coach, referee, administrator, parent or spectator is expected to uphold the Core Values of our sport.

**Teamwork • Respect • Enjoyment Discipline • Sportsmanship**

### **Players**

- ✓ Rugby is a team game, be a member of the whole team.
- ✓ Do not bully any of your team mates.
- ✓ If you see any bullying by your team mates or any other person report it to your coach, they know how to deal with it.
- ✓ Learn to play the game safely
- ✓ Learn the laws of the game and always play within the laws.
- ✓ Respect the coaches, the referees, your opponents, your team mates and any spectators.

### **Carers And Helpers**

- ✓ All carers/helpers should be aware of the child protection policy and they should read it and understand it.
- ✓ All carers/helpers should not accept bad practice or unlawful acts by any person:  
***Don't Ignore It - Report It.***

### **Coaches, Parents And Supporters**

- ✓ Respect all players, coaches and officials
  - ✓ Do not swear at any person present, during training or games
  - ✓ Do not give negative criticism, encourage, the game will improve with encouragement. It will not with criticism.
  - ✓ As a parent you should be aware that the club has a child protection policy, it is available for you to read. Should you become aware of any bad practices towards players, ***Don't Ignore It - Report It.***
  - ✓ Do not allow your child to play with an injury.
  - ✓ Assist your child to learn the laws of the game and encourage them to play within the laws of the game.
  - ✓ Ensure that your child has adequate clothing and equipment to play the game safely. Remember that young people play rugby for their own enjoyment not that of their parents
- ✓ Encourage young people to play – do not force them



- ✓ Focus on the young players' efforts, rather than winning or losing
- ✓ 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
- ✓ Respect decisions made by the match officials and encourage the young players to do likewise.

### **The Club House and surrounding area**

Children of all ages are welcomed into the club house. However, the club expects that children are supervised by their parent / guardian(s) and behave appropriately in the environment in which there are in. The club will aim to provide equipment and facilities for children during non training and games times. We ask that all adults take responsibility in encouraging suitable behaviours.

- ✓ Respect the bar areas and viewing balcony. Use furniture appropriately and no running in these areas.
- ✓ Wear suitable footwear in the bar areas
- ✓ Eat and drink responsibly and dispose of litter appropriately in bins.

This list is not exhaustive.

### **To Barking RFC,**

Childs Name: \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B. \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Team / Age group: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the enclosed 'Codes of Conduct for Youth & Mini Rugby' and am aware of our responsibilities.

It is a condition of entry into the club that all children under the age of 18 must be supervised at all times by a parent or guardian. No liability is accepted for unsupervised children. At all times the responsibility for supervision of the child remains with the parent or guardian including but not limited to training sessions and games. Any unsupervised child will be removed from the club premises. Unsupervised and/or inappropriate use of the apparatus or equipment can lead to serious injury. No one including but not limited to children is permitted to use any equipment or apparatus without the consent of the Team Manager or the Coach and at all times only under the direction of the Coach or Team Manager. No liability is accepted for use of apparatus or equipment outside the terms of this notice.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent / Guardian

Please print name:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ /2014

**Please sign and return with your membership and consent forms. Failure to do so will result in your children being unable to participate in training and matches. Failure to adhere to the clubs code of conduct will result in disciplinary procedures being taken.**