

# TEAMWORK RESPECT ENJOYMENT DISCIPLINE SPORTSMANSHIP

## Code of Conduct for Players

At Ipswich RFC players are expected:

- To attend regularly for training and matches.
- To arrive in good time for each session.
- To inform their coach if they have to leave before the end of a session.
- To pay attention and participate fully in all activities.
- To arrive with the appropriate kit for training and matches.
- At matches to remain in team group when not on the field.
- To generally behave in a manner which brings credit to Ipswich RFC.
- Play because you want to do so, not to please coaches or parents.
- Remember that teamwork, respect, enjoyment, discipline and sportsmanship are the key concepts.
- 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 team mates, 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.

## Code of Conduct for Parents/ Guardians and supporters

At Ipswich RFC Parents/Guardians (and any others who attend with them) are expected:

- To ensure players arrive in good time.
- To maintain communication with coaches about schedules and fixtures.
- To show respect for officials and other players.
- To encourage in your support.
- To be courteous to all.
- To applaud good play.
- To verbally support in a proactive manner.
- To remember that children are playing for their own enjoyment.
- To enjoy the day and transmit that enthusiasm to the players.
- Not to force your child to play.
- Not to stray onto the pitch at any time.
- Not to verbally abuse match officials, remember they are volunteers.
- Not to verbally abuse players or other spectators.
- Not to use bad language.
- Not to threaten or intimidate.
- Not to become involved in physical aggression.
- Not to do anything which is likely to offend by way of insult, humiliation, or discrimination.
- To behave in a manner which brings credit to Ipswich RFC, and to ensure players do likewise.
- **Stay, watch and support the youngsters on a Sunday morning. We are not a babysitting service so please don't drop your child off and leave unless you have informed one of the coaches in advance.**

## Code of Conduct for Coaches and Officials

At Ipswich RFC Coaches and Officials are expected:

- To arrive on good time to ensure they are ready to carry out activities on schedule.
- To be supportive of all Club policies.
- To meet their commitment to the Club and make suitable arrangements for any absences.
- To prepare adequately for the activities they run.
- To promote a disciplined sporting attitude showing due respect within their activities.
- To be open to discussion and resolution of problems or concerns of any player or parent.
- To support and help with the organization of the Club.
- To submit a CRIB application promptly when requested.
- To promote the wellbeing and safety of participants before the development of performance.
- To develop an appropriate working relationship with player based on mutual respect and trust.
- To ensure all activities are appropriate to the age, experience and ability of participants.
- Promote the positive aspects of rugby and fair play.
- To display consistently high standards of behaviour and appearance.
- To follow all guidelines laid down by the RFU.
- To attain the appropriate qualification for the activities.
- Never to exert undue influence over players for personal benefit or reward.
- Never to condone rule violations or rough play.
- To behave in a manner which brings credit to Ipswich RFC, and to ensure players and parents/guardians do likewise.