Code of Conduct

Parents & Spectators



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Purpose

The following "Code of Conduct" has been compiled to assist the Club's aim of promoting the enjoyment of the game of Rugby Union.

Wells RFC encourages parental and touch-line support at Club matches as it adds to the atmosphere and encourages players to fulfil their potential. There are however limits to the degree and nature of support that should be given.

We request from all parents / spectators to abide by the following code:

• Do not force a young player to participate in rugby if he/she is unwilling or does not enjoy it. Equally never make a player train or play if they are unwell or injured – this places an unfair burden on coaches and could turn the player away from the game.

• Always remember that the player is playing rugby for his/her own enjoyment and fulfilment, not yours – he/she will always be doing their best to impress you anyway.

• Ensure that each player becomes a registered player for and a fully paid-up member of Wells RFC – he/she will be prevented from playing for legal/insurance reasons if this is not done.

• Encourage players to play the game properly, fairly and by the rules, and to abide by the Players' Code of Conduct.

• Leave the coaching to the coaches. They have all achieved an appropriate level of RFU approved qualifications and know what they are doing. Do not try to second-guess their tactics or intentions - enjoy the game, encourage the players and the team.

• Never yell at/criticise a player or any of his/her team-mates for making a mistake during a game – all the players will be giving of their best and deserve positive encouragement rather than negative comment.

• Remember that players of all ages learn through example. Behave sportingly on the touchline - applaud good play by both teams, never ridicule any player on either team, do not get involved in arguments with parents/supporters of the opposition.

• Never abuse the referee – he/she has an incredibly difficult job and can never see everything that happens on the pitch. Remember that without a referee the players will not have a game. Most referees will welcome discussion after the game and will always greatly appreciate a "thank you" afterwards too.

• Always support the Club in its efforts to eradicate loud, coarse and abusive behaviour from the touchline and Clubhouse.

• Never run onto the pitch during a game or get involved with anything that happens on the playing area.

• Support players in their efforts to improve by watching them train and play as often as possible. Be prepared to help out with transporting players and their team-mates to away fixtures.

• Parents, help your child to be prepared for a match with clean kit, appropriate clothing etc. and remember, your child is still your responsibility – please do not look upon his/her coach(‘s) as an unpaid child minder. The coach (‘s) will endeavour to ensure that your child is safe and secure during training sessions and matches or tournaments, but it is unreasonable to expect him/her/them to act "in loco parentis" beyond those times.

• Parents / spectators and members of Wells RFC must not put any defamatory statements regarding any aspect in regard to the Club or their opponents (see Wells RFC Social Media policy for more detail), on social media sites such as You Tube, Twitter and Face Book etc.

• Become a member yourself of Wells RFC. Be prepared to offer to help out if asked.

Rugby is a game for everyone…Wells RFC is for everyone

Failure to abide by the above standards will be treated seriously by the Wells RFC Disciplinary Committee

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