

The Parents and Spectators Code



Foster enthusiastic participation; do not force an unwilling child to participate in rugby union.



Educate your child to always play by the Laws of the Game.



Instil in children an understanding and enjoyment of the value of coaching.



Acknowledge the value and importance of volunteer coaches and referee's. They give freely of their time and resources to help our children.



Recognise that children play rugby for their own fun. They are not there to entertain you and are not miniature internationals.



Emphasise respect for referees by not publicly questioning the referee's honesty and decision-making.



Encourage a child who has made a mistake during a game or training – never ridicule.



Applaud good play by your team and by members of the opposing team – children learn best by example and from what they observe.



Teach children that honest effort is as important as victory, so that defeat is accepted without disappointment.



Condemn bad behaviour and language.



Try not to shout continually and “at” children – shout occasionally and “for” them instead.



Remember – It's only a game.