



Elk Grove United Rugby Football Club

2016 / 2017 Parent Code of Conduct

General Principles

Participants in the game of Rugby include: All registered players; accredited persons - coaches, first aid and Officers; referees and touch judges; Officials - club, League or Association staff and volunteers, ground managers and duty officials; parents/caregivers of players, sponsor representatives and club supporters; members of the general public attending as spectators.

Participants are encouraged and expected to:

- show positive acts of sportsmanship, discouraging all instances of foul or illegal play, or acts of violence, both on and off the field;
- demonstrate the greatest levels of respect, protecting the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability / disability, sexual orientation, cultural background or religion;
- lead by positive example, and condemn the use of recreational and performance enhancing drugs and doping practices; their use endangers the health of players and is contrary to the concept of fair play;
- celebrate the “good news” stories, and understand that cyber-bullying, which includes negative or demeaning comments, status posts, personal messages or emails, is deemed as a serious form of harassment;
- accept that the integrity of the sport is of paramount importance, therefore, no coach, player, Club official or match official is allowed to participate, or be directly or indirectly involved in any way, in gambling in relation to matches/competitions in which they are involved or directly linked.

CODE OF CONDUCT –SPECTATOR/PARENT

- Condemn all violent or illegal acts, whether they are by players, coaches, officials, parents or spectators.
- Respect the referee’s decisions – don’t complain or argue about decisions during or after a game.
- Behave! Unsportsmanlike language, harassment or aggressive behavior will not be tolerated.
- Encourage players to play by the rules and to respect opposition players and officials.
- Never ridicule or scorn a player for making a mistake – respect their efforts.
- Understand that sport is part of a total life experience, and the benefits of involvement go far beyond the final score of a game.
- Participate in positive cheering that encourages the players in the team you are supporting; do not engage in any cheering that taunts or intimidates opponents, their fans or officials.
- Remember that children participate in Rugby for their own enjoyment, not yours!
- At all times, follow the directions of the Ground Manager and/or other duty officials.
- Never arrive at a game under the influence of alcohol, never bring alcohol to a game and only drink alcohol, if it is available, in a responsible manner in the designated licensed area.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

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