



# Elk Grove United Rugby Football Club

## 2016 / 2017 Player 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 – PLAYER

- Be a good sport. Respect all good play whether from your team or the opposition and shake hands with, and thank the opposition players and officials after the game – win, lose or draw.
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit.
- Always respect the referee’s decision.
- Never become involved in acts of foul play.
- Honor both the spirit and letter of the competition rules and live up to the highest ideals of ethics and sportsmanship; avoid gamesmanship, and respect the traditions of the game.
- Never engage in disrespectful conduct of any sort including profanity, sledging, obscene gestures, offensive remarks, trash talking, taunting or other actions that are demeaning to other players, officials or supporters.
- Care for and respect the facilities and equipment made available to you during training and competition.
- Safeguard your health; don’t use any illegal or unhealthy substances.
- Recognize that many officials, coaches and referees are volunteers who give up their time to provide their services. Treat them with the utmost respect.
- Do not bet or otherwise financially speculate, directly or indirectly, on the outcome or any other aspect of a Rugby League match or competition in which you are involved.

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Signature of Player

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Date