

Old Reigatian RFC

Mini Rugby

Core Values

Teamwork • Respect • Enjoyment •
Discipline • Sportsmanship

The English Rugby Football Union has set out its core values of Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline and Sportsmanship for rugby in this country. This document sets out how the club expects players, coaches, parents and supporters to apply these values to the mini rugby section at ORRFC.

Players' Code

All Coaches and Parents of Mini players should encourage all players to:

- Treat all players, as they would be like to be treated themselves. Do not interfere with, bully or take advantage of any player.
- Be a good sportsperson – win with dignity, lose with grace.
- Play to the rules of the game and accept without question, all referee decisions even if they appear to be incorrect. Shake the referee's hand at the start and end of the match.
- Take part in rugby because they want to do so, not because they want to please coaches, parents or others.
- Remember that skill development, fun and enjoyment are the most important part of the game. Be attentive at all training and coaching sessions.
- Work equally hard for themselves and their fellow team mates.
- Recognise good play by any players either on their own team or by their opponents.
- Applaud injured players when leaving the pitch and the opposition at the end of the game and give them three cheers.
- Control their emotions. Verbal or physical abuse of team mates, opponents, coaches, match officials or spectators is not acceptable behaviour.
- Recognise and appreciate the efforts made by all coaches, parents, match officials and administrators in providing the opportunity for them to be able to play rugby and enjoy the rugby environment.

Coaches' Code

All Coaches involved with the Club are to comply with the Coaches Code set out below:

- Be a positive role model and remember what this implies.
- Respect the decision of match officials even if they appear to be incorrect.
- Ensure that all the players they are responsible for also respect that decision
- Coaches should ensure that their knowledge and coaching strategies are in line with the current RFU philosophy and are up to date.
- Never allow a player to train or play when injured.
- Provide experiences, which are matched to the players age and ability, as well as their physical and mental development.
- Ensure that all players are coached in a safe environment and that there are adequate first aid facilities available.
- Ensure that all within an age group have the opportunity to play matches and play an active part in training.
- Ensure that their age group has a suitable number of adults to supervise all activities undertaken.
- Ensure that players are not exposed to extremes of heat, cold or an unacceptable risk of injury.
- Keep winning and losing in perspective – encourage players to behave with dignity in all circumstances.
- Develop an awareness of nutritional needs as part of an overall education in lifestyle education.

Parents' and Spectators' Code

All parents and spectators should:

- Remember children play sport for their enjoyment and not that of the spectators or parents.
- Acknowledge good individual and team performance from all players irrespective of the team for whom they play.
- Respect match officials' decisions even if they appear to be incorrect, and encourage the players to do the same. Remember the officials are volunteers providing an opportunity to play rugby.
- Verbally encourage all youngsters in a positive way. If you do want to shout make sure it is 'for', not 'at', the players and try to direct towards the team and not individual players.
- Condemn bad language, rude behaviour and violence.
- Never verbally abuse players, match officials, fellow spectators or coaches.
- Acknowledge effort and good performance rather than the "win at all costs" ethic.
- Encourage all players irrespective of their ability – never ridicule any individual player regardless of the team for whom they play.