



## Barnes Rugby Club – Parents Code of Conduct

As part of our safeguarding policy, Barnes Rugby Club has adopted the standard RFU Codes of Conduct for Coaches, Parents, Match Officials and Players.

At Barnes Rugby Club, parents are encouraged to:

- Be familiar with the coaching and training programme in order that you can ensure that your child is fully involved and the coaches are aware of their availability.
- Be familiar with the teaching and coaching methods used by observing the sessions in which your child participates.
- Be aware that the club has a duty of care and therefore, where appropriate, assist coaches with the supervision of the young players, particularly where numbers are large and there is a need to transport youngsters to away games.
- Be involved with club activities and share your expertise.
- Share concerns, if you have them, with club officials.
- Be familiar with the Good Coaches Code. In particular:
  - *Coaches should recognise the importance of fun and enjoyment when coaching young players.*
  - *Coaches should keep winning and losing in perspective, encouraging young players to behave with dignity in all circumstances.*
- It is important that parents support coaches in instilling these virtues.

At Barnes Rugby Club, parents should:

- Remember that young people play rugby for their own enjoyment not that of their parents. Encourage young people to play - do not force them.
- Focus on the young players' efforts, rather than winning or losing.
- Be realistic about the young players' abilities; do not push them towards a level that they are not capable of achieving.
- Provide positive verbal feedback both in training and during the game.
- Remember that persistent, negative messages will adversely affect the players' and referee's performance and attitude.
- Always support the rugby club in their efforts to eradicate loud, coarse and abusive behaviour from the game.
- Remember young people learn much by example.
- Always show appreciation of good play by all young players both from your own club and the opposition.
- Respect decisions made by the match officials and encourage the young players to do likewise.