

CREWE AND NANTWICH RUFC



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MINIS AND JUNIORS SECTION

CODE OF PRACTICE FOR PARENTS AND SPECTATORS

THE GOOD PARENT'S CODE:

- Be familiar with the coaching and training programme in order that they can ensure their child is fully involved and the coaches are aware of their availability.
- Be familiar with the teaching and coaching methods used by observing the coaching and training sessions in which their child participates.
- Be aware that the Club has a duty of care to ensure the safety of players and therefore, where appropriate, assist coaches with the supervision of the players, particularly where numbers are large and there is a need to transport players to away games.
- Be involved with Club activities and share their expertise.
- Share concerns, if they have them, with Club officials.
- Be familiar with the Good Coaches' Code contained in the Rugby Continuum. In particular be aware that: coaches should recognise the importance of fun and enjoyment when coaching players; and coaches should keep winning and losing in perspective, encouraging players to behave with dignity in all circumstances.
- Support coaches in instilling these virtues.
- 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 players' efforts, rather than winning or losing.
- Be realistic about the 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 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 players both from their own Club and the opposition.
- Respect decisions made by the match officials, even if they appear to make a mistake, and encourage the players to do likewise.

THE GOOD SPECTATOR'S CODE:

- Act as positive role models to all players.
- Be familiar with, and abide by, the RFU Child Protection Guidance in relation to verbal and emotional abuse.
- Respect guidance from the Club or School with regard to spectator behaviour.
- Remember children play sport primarily for their own enjoyment, not for that of the spectators.
- Acknowledge good individual and team performance from all players irrespective of the team in which they play.
- Respect match officials' decisions, even if they appear to make a mistake – remember, they are volunteers providing an opportunity for players to play rugby.
- Never verbally abuse players, coaches, match officials or fellow spectators: such behaviour can create a negative environment for players and their behaviour will often reflect this.
- Acknowledge effort and good performance rather than 'to win at all costs'.
- Verbally encourage all players in a positive manner, shouting 'for', not 'at', the players.
- Encourage all players irrespective of their ability.