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# Mini & Youth Fair Play Policy

Rugby Union is a sport which welcomes parents to participate with Club Coaches and Administrators to help young players enjoy their involvement in our games whilst learning skills, fitness and discipline, but most of all enjoying themselves in a safe environment.

Hornets RFC Coaches, Administrators and Match Officials are aware of 'The Fair Play Code' as it forms an integral part of their official Rugby Union Training.

Hornets RFC requests that all Parents, Players and Spectators read and comply with the following Mini & Youth Fair Play Policy:

## **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 player's efforts rather than winning or losing.
- Provide positive feedback both in training and during a game.
- Always show appreciation of good play by all young players from your own club and the opposition.
- Respect decisions made by match officials and encourage young players to do likewise.

#### PLAYERS SHOULD:

- Remember skill development fun and enjoyment are the most important parts of the game.
- Work equally hard for yourself and your team.
- Recognise good play by all players on your team and by your opponents.
- Play to the laws and spirit of the game and always accept without question the referee's decision.
- Remember to offer congratulations / commiserations to the opposition after a game and to support the 'tunnel'.

# SPECTATORS SHOULD:

- Embrace the ethos of fun, enjoyment, skill development and discipline.
- Act as positive role models to all young players
- Respect match officials decisions
- Never verbally abuse young players, match officials, fellow spectators or coaches
- Condemn bad language, rude behaviour and violence
- Encourage ALL youngsters, never ridicule any individual player

## REMEMBER - IT'S ONLY A GAME!

