* Above all, communicate to players, parents and fellow coaches to set expectations.
* Make sure players develop an understanding of the rules and laws of the game.
* Ensure that all players respect opponents, teammates, coaches and officials.
* Never question an official's judgement or honesty.
* Ensure players and parents behaviour is appropriate and in keeping with the spirit of the game.

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**Parents Role**

* Always be aware of the Club and RFU’s policy on child protection.
* Employ best practice at all times.
* Do not force an unwilling child to participate - it’s supposed to be for them, and you may put them off rugby forever.
* Encourage your child to understand and play within the rules.
* Teach your child that taking part and trying your best are more important than winning.
* Focus your child on practicing their skills, sportsmanship and being part of a team.
* Winning isn't everything. Not everyone can score the winning try.
* Support and encourage your child - never criticise them for making mistakes.
* Console them for losing but encourage them to try harder next time.
* Set an example for sportsmanship - applaud good play by all.
* Never publicly criticise a referee or linesman - there is no place for 'touchline rage' in rugby.
* Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children's sport.
* Report anything to the Child Protection Officer or Chairman.
* Help the club function properly by turning up on time with the appropriate kit.
* Be prepared to help out if asked.
* Support your coaches - they are giving up their time to train your child.
* If you have any issues with the way a coach is performing, talk to them first.
* Refer any issues to an Officer of the Club.

If you have any concerns relating to player welfare, behaviour of coaches, club officials or parents please let us know so these can be dealt with appropriately and in the spirit of our core values.

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