

FAIR PLAY CODE

Rugby Union is one 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.

Club Coaches, Administrators and Match Officials are aware of 'The Fair Play Code' as it forms an integral part of their official Rugby Union Training with further counselling available from the EMRU Community Rugby Welfare Officer.

We ask all Parent, Players and Spectators to take a few minutes to read below:-

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
- 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 referees decision.

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