



BARNSTAPLE RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

THE GOOD SPECTATOR'S CODE

Spectators Should:

- (a) Act as positive role models to all players.
- (b) Be familiar with, and abide by, the RFU Child Protection Guidance in relation to verbal and emotional abuse.
- (c) Respect guidance from the Club with regard to spectator behaviour.
- (d) Remember children play sport primarily for their own enjoyment, not for that of the spectators.
- (e) Acknowledge good individual and team performance from all players irrespective of the team in which they play.
- (f) Respect match officials' decisions, even if they appear to make a mistake – remember, they are volunteers providing an opportunity for players to play rugby.
- (g) 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.
- (h) Acknowledge effort and good performance rather than to win at all costs.
- (i) Verbally encourage all players in a positive manner, shouting 'for', not 'at', the players.
- (j) Encourage all players irrespective of their ability - never ridicule any individual players, regardless of the team in which they play.