

# BARNSTAPLE RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

## The Good Parent's Code



### Behaviour/Respect - Parents Should:

- Remember that young people play rugby for their own enjoyment and not that of their parents, - Encourage young people to play - do not force them.
- Remember that all the coaches, Team Managers and helpers at the club are volunteers and give up their time freely, they should be respected, thanked and supported in this.
- Focus on the players teamwork and effort rather than winning or losing. Encourage players to behave with dignity in all circumstances.
- Be realistic about the players abilities; do not push them towards a level that they are not capable of achieving.
- Provide positive feedback both in the training and during the game.
- Always support the club in their efforts to eradicate loud, coarse and abusive behaviour from the game.
- Respect decisions made by the match Officials, even if they appear to make a mistake, and encourage the players to do likewise.
- Accept that BARNSTAPLE RFC will not condone any inappropriate behaviour. Any incident of inappropriate behaviour brought to the attention of the committee will be dealt with accordance with the relevant disciplinary procedures and may result in termination of the players membership of the club.

### Parents are encouraged to:

- Be familiar with the coaching and training programme in order that you can ensure that your child is fully involved, and the coaches are aware of their availability.
- Respond in the timely manner when asked for availability using the age-group Facebook page. If unable to use Facebook group, please discuss with your Team Manager
- After match food is provided for the Squad and as parents you are to encourage and support your child in attending this, which is vital for team moral.
- Be involved in club activities and share your expertise, the club is run on volunteers and a little help from everyone goes a long way. This includes helping with the food after matches and at festival and other events that the club run.
- The club encourage players Under the age of 12, Have a supervising ADULT at the club during both training and games.

- All Parents are encouraged to complete the 'HEADCASE' online module which can be found on the GMS system.

### **Attendance:**

- When first joining the club or at the transition from one age group to another there will be a minimum attendance of 4 training sessions before being available for match selection.
- Attendance will continually be monitored. Training and Match availability falling below 60% will be reviewed by the Club with the intention of the space being offered to those on the waiting list. (pre-agreed absences or long-term injury/illness will not be included)
- Absences should be reported to the age group Team Manager, failure to make contact for 3 consecutive weeks will result in termination of the membership and the place being offered to those on the waiting list.
- Registration fees are expected in full (Unless by prior arrangement with the Membership Secretary) at the beginning of the season, by signing up you are agreeing to these rules, refunds are not available if your child's membership is withdrawn for any reason.
- If the membership fees are not paid by the end of OCTOBER your child will not be eligible to play in any MATCHES, Training can continue until the end of NOVEMBER at the coach's discretion, after this time the membership is forfeited.
- The club encourages children to have a supervising adult at the club for all ages during both games and training, and a MUST at u12's and below.

**If you have any concerns, please raise it with the club Officials. In the first instance speak with the age group head coach. If you feel unable to do this, contact the coaching Co-Ordinator (Brett Wheaton), Junior Section Chairman (Graham Hill) or Club Safeguarding Officer (Tony Wasley).**

**I accept the above code of conduct and will abide by the code whilst I am a Parent/Guardian of a player in the Barnstaple RFC Junior Section.**

**I understand that any serious breach of the code of conduct may result in a ban from Barnstaple RFC and the withdrawal of the membership either a temporary or permanent ban.**