

# BARNSTAPLE RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

## The Good Player's Code



### Players should be encouraged to:

- Recognise and appreciate the efforts made by coaches, parents, match officials and administration in providing the opportunity to play the game and enjoy the rugby environment.
- Understand the values of loyalty and commitment to adults and team mates.
- Recognise that every player has a right to expect their involvement in rugby to be safe and free from all types of abuse.
- Understand that if an individual or group of players feel they are not being treated in a manner that is acceptable, then they should tell an adult either at the Club or School or outside of the game.
- Play because they want to do so, not to please coaches or parent.
- Remember that skill development, fun and enjoyment are the most important parts of the game.
- Be attentive at all training and coaching sessions.
- Work equally hard for themselves and their team - both will then benefit.
- Recognise good play by all players on their team and by their opponents.
- Be a sportsman - win with dignity, lose with grace.
- Play to the World Rugby Laws of the Game and accept, without question, all referees' decisions even if they appear to make a mistake.
- Control their emotions. Verbal or physical abuse of team mates, opponents, coaches, match officials or spectators is not acceptable.
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- **Attend at least 60% of the training sessions and Matches, you must inform the head Coach you cannot attend, If you miss 3 consecutive weeks without informing the head coach, your place will be given to the next person on the waiting list.**
- Treat with respect the Club, Club house, Changing rooms and Grounds.

I accept the above Code of Practice and will comply with it whilst being a player with any Barnstaple RFC Junior Section Team. I understand any breach of the Codes of Conduct may result in me being required to leave Barnstaple RFC, either on a temporary basis or permanently.

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