

**The Good Parent's Code**

In Rugby Union Coaches and administrators fully acknowledge that parents are an integral part of the partnership, which ensures that young players enjoy their involvement in the sport and experience an environment in which they can flourish.

**IN RUGBY UNION PARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO:**

- BE familiar with the coaching staff in order that they can ensure that their child is fully involved and the coaches are aware of their availability.
- BE aware that the RFUW has a duty of care and therefore, where appropriate, assist coaches and the young players, particularly where number are large and there is a need to transport youngsters to away games.
- Share concerns, if you have them, with the tournament officials only.
- Be familiar with the 'Good Coaches Code'. In particular:
  - Coaches should recognise the importance of fun and enjoyment when coaching young individuals.
  - Coaches should keep winning and losing in perspective, encouraging young players to behave with dignity in all circumstances.

**IN RUGBY UNION PARENTS SHOULD:**

- Remember that young people play rugby for their own enjoyment not that of the parents.
- Encourage young people to play - not force them.
- Focus on the young players' efforts rather than winning or losing.
- Be realistic about the young players' ability do not push them towards a level that they are not capable of achieving.
- Provide positive verbal feedback both in training and during the game.

**REMEMBER THAT PERSISTANT, NEGATIVE MESSAGES WILL ADVERSELY AFFECT THE PLAYERS' AND REFEREE'S PERFORMANCE AND ATTITUDE AND YOU COULD BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE EVENT.**

**ALWAYS SUPPORT THE STAFF IN ERADICATING LOUD, COARSE AND ABUSIVE BEHAVIOUR FROM THE GAME.**

**REMEMBER YOUNG PEOPLE LEARN MUCH BY EXAMPLE**

Always show appreciation of good play by ALL young players from your region and the opposition.

Respect decisions made by the match officials and encourage the young players to do likewise.