

Expectations of Behaviour Guidelines

These guidelines have been developed to:

- Maintain the elements of enjoyment and satisfaction in Rugby;
- Make adults aware that young people play to satisfy themselves and not necessarily to satisfy adults or member of their own peer group;
- Improve physical fitness of youth by encouraging participation in Rugby by making it attractive, safe and enjoyable for all young people; and
- Constantly remind administrators, coaches, teachers, referees and parents that Rugby must be administered, taught and provided, for the good of those young people who wish to play. It is their game.

Parents/Spectators

- Remember that young people are involved in Rugby for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Encourage you children to play by the laws.
- Teach young people that honest effort is as important as victory so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
- Remember that young people learn best by example. Applaud good play from both teams.
- Do not publicly question the referee's judgement and never his/her honesty.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from the game.
- Recognise the importance of volunteer coaches, teachers and referees. They give their time and resources to provide a game for young participants.

Coaches

- Be reasonable in your demands on the young player's time, energy and enthusiasm.
- Teach your players the laws of the game and for them to play within the laws.
- Ensure that all players get a game. The 'just average' players need and deserve equal time.
- Remember that young people play for fun and enjoyment and that winning is only a part of it. Never ridicule the players for making errors or losing a game.
- Be professional and accept responsibility for your actions
- Display high standard in language, behaviour, manner, dress, punctuality and preparation.
- Develop team respect for the ability of opponents, as well as the judgement of referees and opposing coaches.
- Discourage excessive take on the field
- Insist on a disciplined approach by the players.