

ARU Code of Conduct

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CODE OF CONDUCT - PLAYER

Be a good sport. Respect all good play whether from your team or the opposition.

Form a tunnel after the game and shake hands with and thank the opposition players and referees after the game — win, lose or draw.

Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit.

Except when acting as a Captain of a team, never question a referee's decision.

Never become involved in acts of foul play.

Honour both the spirit and letter of the competition rules and live up to the highest ideals of ethics and sportsmanship; and respect the traditions of the game.

Never engage in disrespectful conduct of any sort including profanity, sledging, obscene gestures, offensive remarks, trash-talking, taunting or other actions that are demeaning to other players, officials or supporters.

Care for and respect the facilities and equipment made available to you during training and competition.

Safeguard your health; don't use any illegal or unhealthy substances.

Recognize that officials, coaches and referees are volunteers who give up their time to provide their services. Treat them with the utmost respect.

CODE OF CONDUCT – SPECTATOR / PARENT

Condemn all violent or illegal acts, whether they are by players, coaches, officials, parents or spectators.

Respect the referee's decisions — don't complain or argue about calls or decisions during or after a game.

Behave! Unsportsmanlike language, harassment or aggressive behavior will not be tolerated.

Encourage players to play by the laws and to respect opposition players and officials.

Never ridicule or scorn a player for making a mistake — respect their efforts.

Understand that sport is part of a total life experience, and the benefits of involvement go far beyond the final score of a game.

Participate in positive cheering that encourages the players in the team you are supporting; do not engage in any cheering that taunts or intimidates opponents, their fans or officials.

Remember that children participate in Rugby Union for their own enjoyment, not yours!

At all times, follow the directions of the Ground Marshall and/or other match day staff.

Never arrive at a game under the influence of alcohol.