



CLUB REFEREES AND MATCH OFFICIALS CODE OF CONDUCT

‘Better people, better Borough’

Referee and Match Officials

- Embody Penryn’s core values of Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline, Sportsmanship, Loyalty and Friendship.
- Make certain age grade referees are qualified to the level required as laid out in the coach development pathway.
- Be a positive role model. Set an example, and as such, comments should be positive and supportive.
- Be familiar with the coaches, parents and spectator’s Code of Conduct and ensure that verbal abuse from players, coaches, parents or spectators is not tolerated and is dealt with by club officials immediately.
- Be aware of, and abide by, the RFU Child Protection guidance and the Penryn Safeguarding policies and procedures that protect the welfare of vulnerable adults as well as children.
- Officiate to the rules and laws of IRB World rugby, the age grade rugby rules and keep updated on rule and law changes.



- Check that the home Club has provided a qualified first aider, ambulance access has not been obstructed and that appropriate equipment is available along with someone trained in its use before starting play.
- Before training sessions and matches check that studs and other clothing are in accordance with the IRB Laws of the Game.

The Players

- Recognise the importance of fun and enjoyment when officiating youth players.
- Provide positive verbal feedback in a constructive and encouraging manner during games.
- Appreciate the needs of youth players before the needs of the sport.
- Understand the physical and behavioural development of players.
- Recognise that the safety of players is paramount.
- Show empathy for the age and ability of all players.

The Game

- Emphasise the spirit of the game.
- Explain decisions where appropriate to do so.
- Always penalise foul play.
- Play advantage whenever possible in order to let the game flow.
- Be consistent and objective.

Discipline

- Guard Borough Men, Ladies, Boys or Girls against violence, dangerous play, safety issues or any play or behaviour outside of the laws of the game. 'It's just Rugby' is not an acceptable excuse for poor practice.

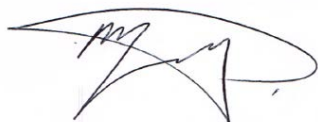


- Stop persistent violent or dangerous play and seek the immediate help of club officials.

Intervention

- Referee intervention to prevent a child being injured, injuring themselves or others must consider their own safety.
- Gives verbal instructions first.
- Use the minimum reasonable force and only when necessary to resolve the incident, the purpose being restraint and reducing risk.
- Do not strike blows and act with unnecessary force or to retaliate.
- Avoid contact with intimate areas of the body, the head and neck.
- Stay in control of actions.
- Understand that no one, apart from coaches, match or club officials and first aiders are to enter the field of play for any reason at any time.

Breaches of the above code of conduct or any matters deemed of a serious nature will be referred to the Youth Section Disciplinary Committee.



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