

Hawks Juniors Rugby



Codes of Behaviour

Players' Code

Play the game for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents and coaches.

Play by the Laws and the spirit of the game.

Respect the referee and **NEVER** argue their decision. Only the captain or the coach may approach the referee for an explanation.

Be a good sport. Applaud the opposing team at the end of the match no matter what the result.

Treat all players from both sides as you would like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of any player.

Control your temper. Verbal abuse, sledging, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are unacceptable behaviour.

Work equally hard for yourself and your team. Your team's performance will improve and so will your's.

Respect the other team. Without them there would be no game.

Respect the rights, dignity and worth of others regardless of their age, gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

Parents' Code

Please, pay your subs on time. There are strict deadlines for the payment of Union affiliations and insurance premiums that must be met. Otherwise we will not be allowed to field teams.

Come to the games and be a part of your child's sports experience. Help out with the canteen, BBQ, transport, refereeing.

Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment, not yours. Encourage children to participate, do not force them.

Focus on efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.

Encourage children to play according to the Laws and the spirit of the game.

Applaud skilful plays by both teams, not just your team. Applaud both teams at the end of the game.

Never ridicule or yell at a player or team for making a mistake or losing a game.

Show appreciation for the coaches, officials and administrators. They are volunteers and without them there would be no game.

The referees give their time so that your child can play. Respect them and teach your child to do likewise.

Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

Coaches' Code

Remember that young people participate for pleasure and that winning is only part of the fun.

Obtain qualifications and keep up to date with coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of children.

Ensure that injured players receive prompt and appropriate attention. Follow the advice of a medico when assessing whether a player is ready to recommence training or competition after an injury or illness. Consult with parents and guardians.

Ensure that all equipment and facilities are safe and are appropriate for the age and ability of the players.

Encourage children to play according to the Laws and the spirit of the game.

Avoid focussing on the talented players. Rugby is a team sport that relies on everyone's efforts.

Never ridicule or yell at a player or a team for making mistakes.

Be reasonable in your demands on players' time, energy and enthusiasm.

Display control and respect for the referee, the opposing team and coach, officials, parents and spectators. Encourage your players to do the same.

Ensure that any physical contact with a child is appropriate to the situation and necessary for their skill development.

Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every participant regardless of their age, gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

Spectators' Code

Remember that young people participate in sport for their enjoyment and benefit, not yours.

Encourage children to play according to the spirit and the Laws of the game.

Respect the referee and teach children to do likewise. Remember that the referee has given his/her time so that children can play Rugby.

Applaud skilful plays by both sides, not just your team.

Applaud both teams at the end of the game.

Never ridicule or yell at a player or team for making a mistake or losing a game.

Show respect for the opposing team. Without them there would be no game.

Condemn violence and foul play in any form, either on the field or off and by both teams.

Do not use abusive language, sledge or harass players, coaches or officials. There is a difference between a smart comment and verbal abuse.

Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every participant regardless of their age, gender, ability, cultural background or religion