



# HULLENSIANS RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB

SPRINGHEAD LANE, ANLABY, HULL, EAST YORKSHIRE, HU4 7RU

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## PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT

PARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO:



Be familiar with the coaching and training programme in order that you can ensure that your child is fully involved and the coaches are aware of their availability.



Be familiar with the teaching and coaching methods used by observing the sessions in which your child participates.



Be aware that the club has a duty of care and therefore, where appropriate, assist coaches with the supervision of the young players, particularly where numbers are large and there is a need to transport youngsters to away games.



Be involved with club activities and share your expertise.



Share concerns, if you have them, with club officials.



Remember that young people play rugby for their own enjoyment not that of their parents.



Encourage young people to play - never force an unwilling child to play...



Be realistic about the young players' abilities; 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 persistent, negative messages will adversely affect the players' and referee's performance and attitude.



Always support the rugby club in their efforts to eradicate loud, coarse and abusive behaviour from the game.



Remember young people learn much by example.



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Always show appreciation of good play by all young players both from your own club and the opposition. Always applaud good play by either team.



Respect decisions made by the match officials and encourage the young players to do likewise. Remember - they are volunteers providing an opportunity for youngsters to play rugby.



Never verbally abuse young players, match officials, fellow spectators or coaches. Such behaviour can create a negative environment for young players and their behaviour will often reflect this.



Acknowledge effort and good performance rather than the 'win at all costs' ethic.



Verbally encourage all youngsters in a positive way. If you do want to shout make sure it is 'for', not 'at' the players.



Encourage all youngsters irrespective of their ability - never ridicule any individual player, regardless of the team for whom they play. Never scold or ridicule a child for making a mistake during the game.



Always encourage your child to play by the laws of the game.



Supporters/Parents are requested to set a good example to the young players.



Foster enthusiastic participation.



Do not encroach onto the field of play. Coaches and referees are qualified to be there. If you want to get involved in Mini-Rugby, join them and learn how.



Encourage respect for referees and line judges. Do not publicly question decisions or honesty. Like the coaches, he is a volunteer and unpaid. He has given up his spare time. If you abuse him, he might not return. And how can your child play Mini-Rugby without a referee?



Teach your child that victory isn't everything - playing as well as you can is just as important. On any day, no more than half the teams can win, so defeat is no disgrace.