

North Petherton Rugby Football Club LTD

Affiliated to the Rugby Football Union and the Somerset County Rugby Football Union

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Codes Of Conduct **Senior & Junior Players**

The following “Code of Conduct” has been compiled to assist the Club’s aim of promoting the enjoyment of the game of Rugby Union. Young players should recognise that many people within NPRFC are working to provide a safe and enjoyable game in which they can develop as a player and an individual

- Recognise and appreciate the efforts made by coaches, parents, match officials and administration in providing the opportunity to play the game and enjoy the rugby environment and clubhouse facilities.
- Appreciate and respect the clubhouse and all its fixtures and fittings at all times. This includes the action of your guests that you invite to the Club.
- Understand the values of loyalty and commitment to adults and team mates.
- Be attentive and work hard at training and coaching sessions.
- Ensure all injuries sustained in training or matches are reported to the coach
- Recognise that every player has a right to expect their involvement in rugby to be safe and free from all types of abuse.
- All players should respect the rights and worth of all players from their own and opposition team, regardless of age, disability, race, religion or sexual orientation.
- Understand that if an individual or group of players feel they are not being treated in a manner that is acceptable, then in the case of a junior they should tell their parents or guardian or Club official. Senior players should report any actions to a Club official and request it be taken forward for possible reconciliation.
- Junior players should play because they want to do so, not to please coaches or parent.
- Remember that skill development, fun and enjoyment are the most important parts of the game.
- Never ridicule the achievements or failures of another team. All players will have given their best so deserve praise ...not condemnation.

- Work equally hard for themselves and their team – both will then benefit.
- Recognise good play by all players on their team and by their opponents.
- Be a sportsman – win with dignity, lose with grace.
- Play to the IRB Laws of the Game and accept, without question, all referees' decision even if they appear to make a mistake. Referees seldom change their mind and your team could be penalised for arguing!
- All players must control their emotions.....and their mouths....Verbal or physical abuse of team mates, opponents, coaches, match officials or spectators is not acceptable.
- Treat all other players, as they would like to be treated themselves. Do not interfere with, bully or take advantage of any other player.
- Remember that when you play, home or away, that you are representing NPRFC, not just your team. All players have a responsibility to the Club to behave accordingly.
- Players, club officials and members of NPRFC must not put any defamatory statements regarding any aspect in regard to the Club or their opponent (**see NPRFC Social Media policy for more detail**), on social media sites such as You Tube, Twitter and Face Book etc.

Rugby is a game for everyone...NPRFC is for everyone

Failure to abide by the above standards will be treated seriously by the NPRFC Disciplinary Committee

Review

This policy will be reviewed every two years

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