



PARENTS and SUPPORTERS CODE of CONDUCT

Burntwood Rugby Club have adopted the following Code of Conduct for parents and supporters that is designed to ensure that:

- The game of rugby is played for the enjoyment of players and spectators with sportsmanship emphasised at all times.
- Improvements are made in the physical fitness of youths through encouraging participation in rugby by making it attractive, safe and enjoyable for all young people.
- Adults are made aware that rugby is played by young people to satisfy themselves and not parents, other adults or members of their own peer group.
- That the opportunity is created to be able to meet new people and establish life long friendships.
- All players are taught the basic core skills and the laws of the game of rugby.

Sporting competitions are regarded by the Club as an important part of a child's physical and social development. Mini and Junior rugby is organised for the maximum participation and enjoyment of all players, irrespective of skill. Attendance, by parents, at matches and training sessions is welcomed and encouraged, but all must agree and accept that the following guidelines are observed.

- Encourage young people to play and participate in rugby – do not force them.
- Never ridicule or shout at a player for making a mistake or losing a game, encouragement will prove more valuable in the long run.
- Players best learn by example. Applaud good play by both sides. Remember it is not sporting to show elation at an infringement of the laws or a mistake by the other side.
- Children should be taught that an honest effort is as important as a victory, so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
- Training sessions and games are not “Child Minding Sessions”. Parents are needed, especially at away games, to assist in the discipline, welfare and security of their children.
- Recognition will be given to individuals and the team's meritorious achievements.
- Respect decisions made by the match officials, even if they appear to be a mistake and encourage players to do the same.
- Support the club in all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse.
- Parental involvement should be restricted to encouragement of the team. Coaching, positional play, selection and tactics should be left to the coaching team. Parental intervention or attempted intervention in team selection is not permitted.
- Ensure that your child arrives punctually for all training sessions and games, and that they wear the recommended pre/post match attire and the correct kit.