**Code of Conduct for Players**

Players are encouraged to:

• Recognise and appreciate the efforts made by coaches, parents, match officials and administrators in providing the opportunity for you to play the game and enjoy the rugby environment.

• Understand the values of loyalty and commitment to adults and team mates.

• Recognise that every young player has a right to expect their involvement in rugby to be safe and free from all types of abuse.

• Understand that if an individual or group of young players feel they are not being treated in a manner that is acceptable, then you have a right to tell an adult either at the rugby club or outside of the game.

Players should:

• Play because you want to do so, not to please coaches or parents.

• Remember that skill development, fun and enjoyment are the most important parts of the game.

• Be attentive at all training and coaching sessions.

• Work equally hard for yourself and your team - both will then benefit.

• Recognise good play by all players on your team and by your opponents.

• Be a sportsman - win or lose.

• Play to the Laws of the Game and accept, without question, all referees’ decisions.

• Control your emotions. Verbal or physical abuse of team mates, opponents, or match officials is not acceptable.

• Treat all players, as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take advantage of any player.