



Lisburn Rugby Football Club

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Parent & Guardian Code of Conduct

The Good Parent's Code

In Lisburn Rugby Club coaches and administrators both fully acknowledge that parents are an integral part of the partnership, which ensures that young players enjoy their involvement in the sport and experience an environment in which they can develop to their full potential.

In Lisburn Rugby Club, parents are encouraged to:

- Be familiar with the coaching and training programme in order that they can ensure that their 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 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.
- Be familiar with the "Good Coach's Code". In particular:
 - Coaches should recognise the importance of fun and enjoyment when coaching young players.
 - Coaches should keep winning and losing in perspective – encourage children to behave with dignity in all circumstances.
- It is important that parents support coaches in instilling these virtues.

In Lisburn Rugby Club, parents should:

- Remember that young people play rugby for their own enjoyment – not that of their parents.
- Encourage young people to play – do not force them.
- Focus on young players' efforts rather than winning or losing.
- Be realistic about your child's ability: do not push them towards a level that they are not capable of achieving.
- Provide positive feedback both in training and during the game. Remember that persistent, negative messages will adversely affect the players' and referees' performance and attitude.
- Always support the club in their efforts to eradicate loud, coarse or abusive behaviour from the game.
- Remember young people learn much by example.
- Always show appreciation of good play by all young players from both our own club and the opposition.
- Respect decisions made by the match officials and encourage our young players to do likewise.