



# CYPRUS RUGBY FEDERATION

## MEMBERS CODE of CONDUCT

- CYPRUS RUGBY FEDERATION wishes to promote a sense of enjoyment and ‘Sportsmanship’ in all of sports and activities in which it engages. This means the enjoyment of learning, developing, participating in, watching and promoting challenging team or individual sports, and/or sports, that value effort as much as achievement, and wider sporting values including teamwork and respect for the efforts of others.
- The Member’s Code of Good Behavior is split in to three sections, ‘The Parents’ Code of Good behavior’, ‘The Spectator’s Code of Good Behavior’ and a more General Code.
- Parents should be familiar with the coaching and training programme(s) in which their child participates in order to ensure that the child is fully involved and the coaches are aware of their availability.
- Parents should be familiar with the teaching and coaching methods used by observing the coaching techniques used and training sessions in which their child participates.
- Parents should be aware that the Federation and Clubs have a duty of care to ensure the safety of players and therefore, where appropriate, assist the coaches with the supervision of the players, particularly where numbers are large and there is a need to supervise trips to ‘away’ games.
- Parents should endeavor to be involved with Federation activities and share their expertise.
- Parents should share their concerns, if they have them, with Federation or Club officials.



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- Parents should be familiar with the ‘Coaches Code of Good Behavior’ published by the Federation and in particular be aware that:
  - Coaches should recognize the importance of fun and enjoyment when coaching players; and
  - Coaches should keep winning and losing in perspective, encouraging players to behave with dignity in all circumstances.
- Parents should support the Coaches in instilling these virtues.
- Parents must remember that young people participate in sports for their own enjoyment not that of their parents. (*Never try to live your dreams through your child*)
- Parents should encourage young people to participate in sports – never force them.
- Parents should focus on a player’s efforts, rather than winning or losing.
- Parents should be realistic about the players’ abilities; they should not push them towards a level that they are not capable of achieving.
- Parents should provide positive verbal feedback both in training and during games.
- Parents should remember that persistent, negative messages will adversely affect the players’ and referee’s performance and attitude.
- Parents should always support the Federation in it’s efforts to eradicate loud, coarse and abusive behavior from the game.



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- Parents should remember young people learn a great deal by example.
- Parents should always show appreciation of good play by all players both from the CRF and the opposition.
- Parents should respect decisions made by match officials, even if they appear to be a mistake, and encourage players to do likewise.
- Parents should be aware of the 'Player's Code of Good Behavior' and promote the values, virtues and practices set out in it within their children.
- Spectators are encouraged to act as positive role models to all players.
- Spectators should be familiar with, and abide by the Federation's guidelines in relation to verbal and emotional abuse of other Federation Members, Players, Members of Opposition teams, Match Officials and Federation Guests.
- Spectators should at all times adopt a high standard of spectator behavior.
- Spectators are to bear in mind that young people participate in sports for their own enjoyment not that of the spectators.
- Spectators should acknowledge good individual and team performances from all players irrespective of the team in which they play.
- Spectators should respect match officials' decisions, even if they appear to make a mistake – remember they are volunteers providing an opportunity for players to participate in sports they enjoy.



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- Spectators should never verbally abuse players, coaches, match officials or fellow spectators: such behavior creates a negative environment for players and their behavior generally degenerates to reflect this.
- Spectator's should acknowledge effort and good performance rather than adopting a 'win at all costs' mentality.
- Spectator's should verbally encourage all players in a positive manner, shouting 'for' not 'at', the players.
- Spectator's should encourage all players irrespective of their ability – never ridicule any individual player regardless of the team in which they play.
- Federation and Club Members' should act as positive role models to all other members of the Federation, in particular junior members.
- Federation Members should be aware of, sensitive to and respectful of the customs and sensitivities of other members of the Federation.
- Federation or Club Members' should be aware of, and adhere to, the Federation's policies with regard to verbal and emotional abuse of other Federation Members, Players, Members of Opposition teams, Match Official, Federation Guests & Federation Staff.
- Federation Members should be aware of, and adhere to, the Federation's policies with regard to Physical abuse of other Federation or Club Members, Players, Members of Opposition teams, Match Official, Federation Guests & Federation Staff.



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- Federation Member's should be aware, and respective of, the Federation's obligations in relation to its handling of Sponsors and Sponsoring organizations. Federation Members should adhere to any requests aimed at protecting Federation Sponsorships and the revenues they bring to the Federation.
- Federation Members' should be aware of all local traditions, cultural values and laws Cyprus pertaining to their behavior both within the Federation's or Club facilities, or at other sports Federations they may visit during away fixtures and in general both when representing the Cyprus Rugby Federation or Club or as a responsible member of the Federation at functions outside of the Federation.
- Federation Members should pay any fees and/or invoices as may be raised by the Federation for membership and/or activities in which they have participated or in which they intend to participate promptly when requested to do so.
- Federation Members should actively promote the enjoyment of participating as a member of the Tigers RFC and make every effort not to impinge on the right to enjoy using the Federation of other members or their guests.

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