

Bromyard Rugby Club

Code of Conduct for Parents & Spectators

- 1 Never force a child to play rugby (or any sport).
- 2 Always remember: children play rugby (or any sport) for **their** enjoyment, not yours.
- 3 Encourage your child (and all children) to play by the rules / laws. Make it clear that cheating is just a way to get an unfair advantage by dodging the rules / laws.
- 4 Teach your child that victory isn't everything - playing as well as you can is just as important. On any day, no more than half the teams can win, so defeat is no disgrace.
- 5 **Never** yell at a player for making a mistake. **Never** sneer or use sarcasm - you will make the young player feel like a total failure. Remember: he/she is not playing for your benefit.
- 6 Applaud good play - by either team. Back up the referee (umpires): don't publicly question his fairness or ability. Children learn best by example. Set a good example.
- 7 Encourage your child to improve his skill through coaching.
- 8 Stay off the pitch. Coaches and referees (umpires) are qualified to be there. They have worked hard to earn their qualifications. If you want to get involved with junior sport ask them how to become involved. Otherwise don't interfere.
- 9 **Do not abuse anyone** - especially the referee or match officials. Like the coaches they are volunteers and unpaid. They have given up their spare time to ensure your child can play the game competitively. If you abuse them they might not return, how will your child play competitive sports without them?