Gosforth Rugby Club



Code of Conduct for Club Officials and Volunteers

Gosforth Rugby Club recognise and value the hard work and commitment of all the Club Officers and Volunteers who give up their spare time to ensure the club is run effectively and professionally.

The Club is however committed to ensuring that all officials and volunteers maintain, at all times, the highest standards in the running of the club.

- Volunteers must respect the rights, dignity and worth of every player and treat everyone equally within the context of our sport.
- Volunteers must place the well-being and safety of the player above the development of performance. They should follow all guidelines laid down by Rugby Football Union.
- Volunteers must develop an appropriate working relationship with players based on mutual trust and respect.
- Volunteers must not exert any undue influence to gain any personal benefit or reward.
- Volunteers must encourage and guide players to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance. Volunteers should make sure all players play according to the Gosforth Rugby Club Players' Code of Conduct.
- Volunteers must ensure the activities they direct or advocate are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of the individual.
- Volunteers must, at the outset, clarify with players (and where appropriate their parents) exactly what is expected of them and what players are entitled to expect of their coach.
- Volunteers must co-operate fully with other specialists (e.g. coaches, Physios, club officials' etc.) in the best interest of the player.
- Volunteers must always advocate the positive aspects of Rugby and never condone rule violations or the use of prohibited substances.
- Volunteers must respect a player's right to his or her own personal development, independence and self determination.
- Volunteers must consistently display high standards of behaviour and appearance.
- Volunteers must abide by the Gosforth Rugby Club Spectators' Code of Conduct.