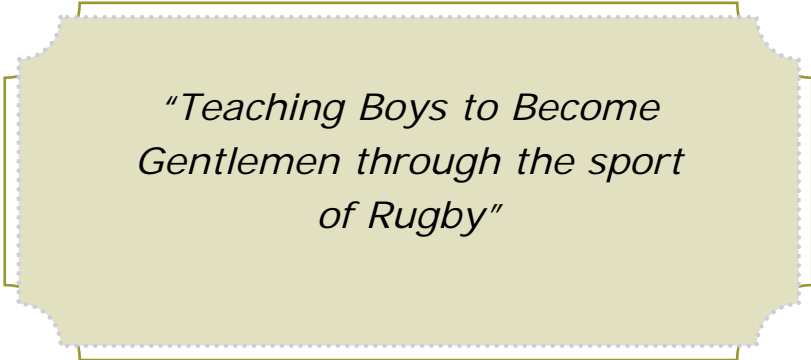


Royal Irish Rugby Society



Player Code of Conduct



*“Teaching Boys to Become
Gentlemen through the sport
of Rugby”*

CONGRATULATIONS!

You are part of one of the most successful high school rugby teams in the United States.

Rugby has a tradition of camaraderie, fair play and respect for competitors. The game also emphasizes tradition and teamwork.

Your conduct and behavior directly affects the reputation of your teammates, your school and Royal Irish Rugby.

ROYAL IRISH CODE OF CONDUCT

Our priorities are: God, Family, Academics and Rugby. These priorities support the development of boys to gentlemen through the sport of Rugby. This booklet is not a comprehensive explanation of right and wrong but provides *minimum expectations*.

1. LOOK PROFESSIONAL

YOUR ATTIRE AND ATTITUDE DEFINE YOU BEFORE ANYTHING ELSE. You are expected to look professional, not only in appearance, but also in your actions.

PLAYERS ARE EXPECTED TO WEAR ROYAL IRISH RUGBY GEAR DURING TRAVEL, AT HOTELS AND BETWEEN GAMES. For over 25 years, players,

coaches and parents worked extremely hard to build this club's reputation. It's now your turn to uphold our reputation.

AT A HOTEL, DO NOT HANG OUT IN COMMON AREAS IN SLEEPWEAR.

Show your pride and team unity by wearing your Royal Irish gear.

KEEP TEAM BAGS TOGETHER WHILE TRAVELING AND ON THE SIDELINES.

WHEN POSING FOR PHOTOS, LOOK PROFESSIONAL. Don't lay on your back or side. Either stand or kneel down as instructed by the photographer.

2. REPRESENT YOUR FAITH, FAMILY AND SCHOOL

BE POLITE TO UNRULY FANS BY IGNORING THEM. Take the high road. Oth-

ers are looking for a reason to criticize our club. Don't give them ammunition.

BE POLITE TO YOUR OPPONENTS.

There is no need to engage in a battle of words on or off the pitch. This is typical of players who have lost the battle long before the match has started.

BE POLITE TO EACH OTHER. The language you use says a lot about the kind of person you are. Swearing is the recourse of those who are too lazy to express themselves as gentlemen. It also shows you don't have control.

3. BE THE EXAMPLE FOR OTHERS TO FOLLOW, ESPECIALLY FOR YOUNGER OR NEW TEAMMATES

LEAVE THINGS BETTER THAN YOU FOUND THEM IN HOTELS, RESTAURANTS AND ON THE PITCH. Leaving trash around says you don't respect yourself, your teammates, coaches or parents. If someone else throws trash around, pick it up. Show you are a mature and disciplined player. Lead by example.

FILLING FIELD WATERS IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF PLAYERS, NOT PARENTS. Don't sit back and allow parents to do this for you. Support your teammates by taking care of their needs while they are playing a match.

4. RESPECT THE PITCH AND THE GAME

DON'T LEAVE YOUR PERSONALS BELONGINGS ALL OVER THE PLACE. If others do, offer to help them keep things neat and orderly.

AT TEAM MEALS, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR CLEANING UP AFTER YOURSELVES AND FOR THE TEAM.

Sitting back and letting parents clean up disrespects all the work that goes into running our club.

BE THANKFUL FOR YOUR CLUB. At meals, say grace. At games, offer prayer in thanks for the opportunity to grow through the sport of rugby; win or lose. Be proud to be part of the Royal Irish.

Have a great season!



*I, _____, PROMISE
TO FOLLOW THIS CODE OF
CONDUCT*