

Rugby Arizona Code of Conduct

It is the duty of all participants, including coaches, referees, players and spectators, to ensure that the game of Rugby at every level is played in accordance with disciplined and sporting behavior. We also have a special responsibility to ensure that our youth is given the best possible models of behavior so they may grow in the sport in the proper manner.

It is good for the sport to remember positive sideline or on-field behavior pays dividends. There will be consequences, including fines, sending off or bans for not abiding by these guidelines.

Rugby Arizona adopts the following guidelines from World Rugby, the international governing body for Rugby Union Football:

- No one but the referee and players are to be on the field during play. Coaches and water carriers may enter the field at stoppages such as after tries or during injury timeout. This also applies to the halftime break. Medical personnel may enter the field to attend to an injured player if the play has moved away from where the injury occurred. The referee shall stop play if it interferes with medical attention.
- No one may approach or talk to the referee at any time during play or stoppages when others may be allowed on the field. An exception to this can be the offering of water to the referee or if a team captain has a question for the referee. Disrespect toward the referee will not be tolerated and violators will be severely sanctioned.
- Coaches, players and spectators should positively encourage their teams during play. However, it is not acceptable for anyone on the sidelines to berate and criticize the referee or those playing. Severe sanctions will accompany such negative behavior.
- Players participating in a match should limit their talk to encouraging their teammates and addressing certain teammates when calling out plays or signals. It is not acceptable for players on one team to verbally challenge or criticize those on the opposing team. At no time, with the exception of the team captains, may players address the referee in any way. Players who don't abide this rule are liable to be sent off and face further sanctions.
- Players, coaches and spectators are also required to stay within their respective technical zones for the duration of the game. Violators are liable for sanctions, including being removed to beyond the spectator zone or removed from the location.

In short, positive sideline behavior is rewarded with the possibility of safe, hard and fast Rugby in an enjoyable environment for all participants. Negative behavior on the field and sidelines does nothing more than poison the game for everyone and violators will face sanctions which will be decided by the Rugby Arizona Discipline Committee.

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Sign Name: _____ Club: _____

Role: (circle) Player Coach Club Staff Parent Referee

Parent or guardian if under 18: _____ Date: _____

