

# Cranbrook Sports Club

## Cranbrook Rugby Football Club



### 4.3 THE GOOD MATCH OFFICIAL'S CODE

Whether playing, training or watching a game of rugby the way you behave reflects, YOU, YOUR TEAM and **Cranbrook Rugby Football Club (Cranbrook Sports Club)** to everyone watching.

The following Codes are designed to promote the elements of enjoyment and satisfaction, the contribution that can be made by non-players and to remind all people involved with the game that there are certain standards of fair play and conduct that should be maintained at all times.

Match officials should:

- ) Recognise the importance of fun and enjoyment when officiating young players.
- ) Provide positive verbal feedback in a constructive and encouraging manner during games.
- ) Emphasise the spirit of the game.
- ) Appreciate the needs of the young players before the needs of the sport.
- ) Understand the physical, social and psychological development of young players.
- ) Be a positive role model. You set an example, and as such, comments you receive should be positive and supportive.
- ) Look to self-improvement e.g. participation in Youth Rugby or National 15-a-side courses.

Match officials must:

- ) Recognise that safety of young players is paramount.
- ) Explain decisions – all young players are still learning.
- ) Always penalise foul play.
- ) Play advantage where ever possible in order to let the game flow.
- ) Show empathy for the age and ability of young players.
- ) Be consistent and objective.

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- ) Ensure that verbal abuse from players, coaches or spectators is not tolerated and is dealt with by Club officials immediately.
- ) Be aware of, and abide by, the RFU Safeguarding Policy and procedures.