

Rainier Plateau Junior Rugby Club

TO: PLAYERS AND PARENTS

FROM: Andy Ramsay

SUBJECT: CODES OF CONDUCT

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It is the mission of the Rainier Plateau Junior Rugby Club (RPJRC) to support the development of high-level rugby within the south Puget Sound region. The Rainier Plateau Junior Rugby Club supports the development of rugby skills and player commitment to allow play at the highest level of competition possible. The RPJRC program emphasizes individual player development as well as team accomplishments. It is the goal of the Rainier Plateau Junior Rugby Club to provide top-caliber coaching, training, and competition for players in region.

The Rainier Plateau Junior Rugby Club endorses the following values: personal responsibility; good sportsmanship; honesty; respect for ones parents, teammates, coaches, game officials, and opponents; fairness; and team work. We believe rugby is an amazing game that should be played for fun and the challenge of competition. We hope that the RPJRC program builds the foundation for a life-long love of the game as a participant, coach, and spectator. The Rainier Plateau Junior Rugby Club believes that it is important that players, coaches, and parents representing the Club provide positive examples of behavior both on and off the field. For this reason the following Codes of Conduct were developed for coaches, players, and parents. These Codes have been adopted by representatives of all RPJRC teams.

VIOLATIONS:

Actions by coaches, players, or parents that are felt to be in violation of these codes of conduct should be brought to the attention of the Rainier Plateau Junior Rugby Club. A coach should be contacted. If at all possible, confidentiality will be preserved.

PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

The Rainier Plateau Junior Rugby Club program exists for its players. We expect that our players not only try to perform at their highest athletic level in training and competition, but that good behavior and sportsmanship are displayed in all situations. Each player must affirm the following Code of Conduct.

- I promise to represent my club with honor.
- I will respect the rights, dignity, and worth of each and every person and treat each equally within the context of the sport.
- I will win with humility and lose with dignity, and use appropriate language and behavior.
- I will support my teammates on the practice field, on the game field and whenever I see them.
- A player must adhere to all guidelines and rules as specified in the “Laws of the Game” by USA Rugby and never intentionally violate one of the “Laws of the Game” or exhibit behavior contrary to the spirit of the “Laws of the Game”.
- A player must respect the integrity and judgment of game officials.
- The RPJRC values the good health of its players and adherence to State and Federal laws. Players will not use or possess tobacco, drugs, or alcohol during any club event, practice or game.
- A player should display good sportsmanship in all practice and playing situations.
- I will fulfill my non rugby responsibilities to my studies, my family and other activities.
- I will play fairly and safely.
- I will honor my financial commitments to the club.

I sign this with the understanding that violation of this agreement may cause me to be dismissed from the team, and forfeiture of my dues.

I further agree to set an appropriate example as a parent or guardian of the participating child, and will support all players during this activity. Inappropriate behavior by a parent or guardian, such as taunting or booing or undermining the coaching staff can result in the parent or guardian being asked to leave the field.

Signed _____ Date _____
(Player)

Signed _____ Date _____
(Parent/Guardian)

PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Support by the parents of the players in the Rainier Plateau Junior Rugby Club is critical to the success of the program. The Rainier Plateau Junior Rugby Club has set high standards of on--the-field behavior for its coaches and players. It is important that parents recognize the importance of the Coaches and Players Codes of Conduct and support them. Parents must also set good examples for behavior and not present situations which make the coach's job more difficult. Each parent must affirm the following Code of Conduct:

- Parents shall support their team and coaching staff.
- Parents shall respect the rights, dignity, and worth of each and every person and treat each equally within the context of the sport.
- Parents shall encourage players to play by the rules as specified in the "Laws of the Game" by USA Rugby.
- Parents shall applaud good play, both by your own team and the opponent.
- Parents must show respect for game officials.
- As a parent, support your player by meeting your commitments to the player, the team, and the Club.
- A parent must allow the coach to coach. Offer encouragement, not coaching advice from the sideline.
- A parent shall display good sportsmanship at all times on the sidelines.

Signed _____ Date _____
(Parent/Guardian)