



Burnley R.U.F.C.



Mini & Youth Disciplinary Code

Burnley Rugby Club views any disciplinary matters very seriously, be they on the field involving players, coaches or administrators or `off the field' in respect of our relationship with other, surrounding rugby union clubs.

We believe that, at the first instance, disciplinary action concerning a Mini or Junior Rugby player requires a sensitive approach - if necessary involving the `Person in Charge' appointed under the Child Welfare procedures - before reference to the Club's Disciplinary Committee.

YOUTH RUGBY DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE

- Any report of misbehaviour by a player or coach, at Burnley Rugby Club or elsewhere and either on the field of play or off, will be carefully examined by the Junior Rugby Committee.
- A report of the findings will be forwarded to the main Disciplinary Committee of the Club.
- Players sent off by a referee or Coaches reported during a Mini, Junior or Senior Colts match should expect a report being made by the match official.
- Such reports are recorded against the Club's overall disciplinary record, and the Lancashire County RFU may also become involved.
- Players and Coaches should recognise that matters related to incidents that occur away from the field of play may affect an individual's perception of Burnley RUFC.
- Misbehaviour on a coach, bus or any other vehicle taking players or spectators to an away venue is wholly unacceptable. Any distraction of the driver could threaten the life of all those travelling.
- Following any report received in connection with young players, the Junior Committee will establish a panel to conduct an investigation and report thereon. Dependent on the circumstances, this panel may include the designated `Person In Charge' under the Child Welfare provisions.

DISCIPLINE IN MINI RUGBY

(extract from the Continuum)

"If the referee decides to send a player off, he / she must stop the match, call the individual player aside from the other players and invite the coach of that player on to the field. The referee must explain to the coach and the player why he / she feels that the player's behaviour is unacceptable, and instruct the coach to provide a substitute.

That player is to take no further part in that tournament or festival. It is the responsibility of the coach to speak to and educate the player as to why he / she was sent off."