



Burnley R.U.F.C.

THE GOOD PARENT'S CODE



Burnley RUFC encourages parents to:

- Be familiar with the coaching and training programme in order that they can ensure their child is fully involved and the coaches are aware of their availability.
- Be familiar with the teaching and coaching methods used by observing the coaching and training sessions in which their child participates.
- Be aware that the club has a duty of care to ensure the safety of players and therefore, where appropriate, assist coaches with the supervision of the players, particularly where numbers are large and there is a need to transport players to away games.
- Be involved with Club activities and share their expertise.
- Share concerns, if they have them, with Club officials.
- Be familiar with the Good Coaches' Code contained in the Rugby Continuum. In particular be aware that:
 - (1) coaches should recognise the importance of fun and enjoyment when coaching players; and
 - (2) coaches should keep winning and losing in perspective, encouraging players to behave with dignity in all circumstances.
- Support coaches in instilling these virtues.
- Remember that young people play rugby for their own enjoyment not that of their parents.
- Encourage young people to play - do not force them.
- Focus on the players' efforts, rather than winning or losing.
- Be realistic about the players' abilities; do not push them towards a level that they are not capable of achieving.
- Provide positive verbal feedback both in training and during the game.
- Remember that persistent, negative messages will adversely affect the players' and referee's performance and attitude.

- Always support the Club in their efforts to eradicate loud, coarse and abusive behaviour from the game.
- Remember young people learn much by example.
- Always show appreciation of good play by all players both from their own Club and the opposition.
- Respect decisions made by the match officials, even if they appear to make a mistake, and encourage the players to do likewise.