



***Burnley R.U.F.C.***



## **GOOD PRACTICE GUIDE**

# **FOR MATCH OFFICIALS & VOLUNTEERS**

### **When refereeing young players match officials must:**

- Recognise the importance of fun and enjoyment
- Provide verbal feedback in a positive way during games
- Appreciate the needs of players
- Be a positive role model
- Recognise that safety is paramount
- Explain decisions as most young players are still learning
- Never tolerate verbal abuse

### **Officials and Coaches will not:**

- Change in the same area as young players
- Shower with young players – agree a timetable with the coaches
- Be alone with young players at any time – if a young player comes into the dressing room ensure another adult is present
- Check studs without the coach being present
- Administer first aid
- Allow a young player to continue playing if there are doubts about their fitness
- Tolerate bad language from young players
- Engage in any inappropriate contact with young players
- Give a lift to a player unless there are other young people or adult in the car and the parents are aware of the arrangements
- Take a young player to their own home
- Overtly criticise young players or use language which may cause the player to lose confidence or self esteem
- Make sexually explicit remarks to young players

**Officials must always report in writing to the Club Welfare Officer behaviour by adults which you feel contravenes RFU Child Protection Policy. This will include:**

- Verbal bullying by coaches, parents or spectators
- Physical abuse by coaches, parents or spectators
- Inappropriate or aggressive contact by an adult to a young player or person
- Verbal abuse directed at the official by young people or adults

**REMEMBER THE WELFARE OF ALL YOUNG PEOPLE IS PARAMOUNT.**