



RESPECT Policy

All RFL clubs have signed up to the RFL's RESPECT policy and you should be given a copy of this which contains more information about the rights and responsibilities of all involved in the game of Rugby League.

All participants in the game of Rugby League including players, parents, spectators, coaches, match officials, volunteers and administrators should:

- As a parent and/or spectator you have the responsibility to abide by the RESPECT Code of Conduct
- Do not force an unwilling child to participate in Rugby League Remember that children participate in Rugby League for their own enjoyment not yours
- Understand that rugby league is part of a total life experience, and the benefits of involvement go far beyond the final score of a game
- Condemn all violent or illegal acts, whether they are by players, coaches, officials, parents or spectators
- Discourage all instances of unsporting behaviour, foul or illegal play, or acts of violence, both on and off the field.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their age, ethnic origin, gender, special needs, including learning and physical disabilities, class or social background, religion, sexual orientation, marital status, pregnancy, colour or political persuasion
- Respect the match official's decisions - don't complain or argue about decisions during or after a game
- Behave! Unsporting language, harassment or aggressive behaviour will not be tolerated
- Encourage players to play by the rules and to respect opposition players and officials
- Never ridicule or scorn a player for making a mistake - respect their efforts
- Participate in positive cheering that encourages all the players in the team; do not engage in any jeering that taunts or intimidates opponents, their fans or officials
- At all times follow the directions of the Ground Manager and/or other match day staff
- Never arrive at a ground under the influence of alcohol, never bring alcohol to a game and only drink alcohol if it is available at the ground, in the designated licensed area
- Condemn the use of recreational and performance- enhancing drugs and doping practices; their use endangers the health of players and is contrary to the concept of fair play.
- Every person who attends a Rugby League match does so with the permission and license of the home club &/or league.
- Breaches of this Code of Conduct may result in penalties up to and including a fine, loss of team match points and suspension.

Heworth Rugby League Club acknowledges its responsibility in line with the principles of RESPECT.

If you have any concerns, please raise these with the clubs designated CWO:

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