

ABERDEEN GRAMMAR RUGBY

CODE OF CONDUCT
FOR
COACHES, PLAYERS & SPECTATORS

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Aberdeen Grammar Rugby are a full member of the Scottish Rugby Union and are obligated to remind all coaches, players, members and spectators World Rugby requires the parent Union and all clubs engaged in rugby Union Football to adhere to the Code of Conduct as specified in the World Rugby definition of sporting and respectful behaviour surrounding Rugby Union Football.

The following are the points that together form the Code of Conduct that will be adhered to in all facets of training and playing Rugby Football Union. At all times all persons connected to Aberdeen Grammar Rugby will behave in a courteous and respectful manner when dealing with other teams, their officials and supporters and this applies to all match officials and SRU observers at matches. In particular the following points will be observed and adhered to

1. must ensure that the game is played and conducted in accordance with disciplined and sporting behaviour and acknowledge that it is not sufficient to rely solely upon the match officials to maintain those principals;
2. shall co-operate in ensuring that the spirit of the Laws of the Game is upheld and refrain from selecting players guilty of foul play;
3. shall not repeatedly breach the Laws of the Game;
4. shall accept and observe the authority and decisions of referees, assistant referees, match officials and all other rugby disciplinary bodies;
5. shall not publish or cause to be published criticism of the manner in which a referee or assistance referee handled a match;
6. shall not publish or caused to be published criticism of the manner in which Scottish Rugby handled or resolved any dispute or disciplinary matter resulting from a breach of the World Rugby Bye-Laws, World Rugby regulations relating to the game, Championship/Cup rules, other Scottish Rugby rules or processes or World Rugby Laws of the game;
7. shall not engage in any conduct or any activity on or off the field that may impair public confidence in the honest and orderly conduct of a match, tour, tournament or series of matches (including, but not limited to, the supply of information in relation to the game, directly or indirectly, to bookmakers) or in the integrity and good character of any person;
8. shall promote the reputation of the game and take all possible steps to prevent it from being brought into disrepute;
9. shall not commit a doping offence as defined in World Rugby Regulations relating to anti-doping;
10. shall not abuse, threaten or intimidate a referee, assistant referee or other match officials or spectators;

11. shall not use foul or abusive language or gestures towards referees, assistant referees or other match officials or spectators;

12. shall not do anything which is likely to intimidate, offend, insult, humiliate or discriminate against any other person on the ground of their religion, race, colour or national or ethnic origin;

13. shall not do anything which adversely affects the Game of rugby Football, Scottish Rugby, any member club or other Union of World Rugby or any commercial partner of the Game in Scotland;

14. shall abide by all other Codes of Conduct and policies issued by the SRU including *inter alia* the Scottish Rugby Code of Conduct for Safeguarding Children in Rugby

Every person is under an obligation to comply with the Code of Conduct and the Discipline Panel of Scottish Rugby may impose such penalties as it deems appropriate.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE ABOVE THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF ABERDEEN RUGBY LTD PLAYING AS ABERDEEN GRAMMAR RUGBY RESERVE THE RIGHT TO TAKE DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST PERSONS IN BREACH OF THE CODE IRRESPECTIVE OF THE DECISION OF THE SRU TO IMPOSE SANCTION OR NOT.

Any person requiring clarification of the Code should contact Gordon Thomson, Chairman or Alex Nicoll, Hon. Secretary Details can be found on the club website