



Bridport Rugby Football Club

Club Code of Conduct

All Club Members:-

- Must ensure that the game is played and conducted in accordance with CORE VALUES and acknowledge that it is not sufficient to rely solely on match officials to maintain those principles.
- Shall exercise DISCIPLINE and co-operate in ensuring that the spirit of the laws of the game are upheld and refrain from selecting players guilty of foul play.
- Shall RESPECT the authority and decisions of referees, touch judges, match officials and all representatives of other rugby governance and disciplinary bodies and shall not publish or cause to be published criticism of the manner in which a referee or touch judge handled a match.
- Shall not publish or cause to be published criticism of the manner in which the committee or any other rugby disciplinary body handled or resolved any dispute or disciplinary matter resulting from a breach of the by-laws, regulations or laws of the game.
- Shall not engage in any conduct or any activity on or off the field of play 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.
- Shall not engage in any conduct or any activity on or off the field of play that brings the club or the game of rugby into disrepute in the opinion of reasonable persons; this includes such conduct or behaviour in public places in attire identifying the person or persons as members or representatives of the club, or in groups identifiable as club members or representatives.
- Shall promote the good reputation of the club and the game and take all possible steps to prevent either from being brought into disrepute.
- Shall not abuse, threaten or intimidate a referee, touch judge or other match official whether on or off the field of play.
- A spectator or player shall not use crude or abusive language or gestures towards players, referees, touch judges, other match officials or spectators.
- Shall not do anything which is likely to intimidate, offend, insult, humiliate or discriminate against any other person on the grounds of their religion, race, colour or national ethnic origin.
- Shall not do anything which adversely affects the game of rugby football, the club, any member union or any commercial partner of the game.

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