

# PAPHOS TIGERS RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

## MEMBERS CODE of CONDUCT



Paphos Tigers Rugby Football Club (PTRFC) wishes to promote a sense of enjoyment and 'Sportsmanship' in all sports and activities in which it engages. This means the enjoyment of learning, developing, participating in, watching and promoting challenging team or individual sports, and/or sports that value effort as much as achievement, and wider sporting values including teamwork and respect for the efforts of others.

The Member's Code of Good Behavior is split into three sections, 'The Parents' Code of Good Behaviour', 'The Spectator's Code of Good Behavior' and a more General Code.

### THE PARENTS' CODE OF GOOD BEHAVIOUR

- Parents should be familiar with the coaching and training programme(s) in which their child participates in order to ensure that the child is fully involved and the coaches are aware of their Availability.
- Parents should be familiar with the teaching and coaching methods used by observing the coaching techniques used and training sessions in which their child participates.
- Parents should be aware that the Club has a duty of care to ensure the safety of players and therefore, where appropriate, assist the coaches with the supervision of the players, particularly where numbers are large and there is a need to supervise trips to 'away' games.
- Parents should endeavour to be involved with Club activities and share their expertise.
- Parents should share their concerns, if they have them, with Club officials.
- Parents should be familiar with the 'Coaches Code of Good Behavior' published by the Club and in particular be aware that:
  - a. Coaches should recognise the importance of fun and enjoyment when coaching players; and
  - b. Coaches should keep winning and losing in perspective, encouraging players to behave with dignity in all circumstances.
- Parents should support the Coaches in instilling these virtues.
- Parents must remember that young people participate in sports for their own enjoyment, not that of their parents. (Never try to live your dreams through your child)
- Parents should encourage young people to participate in sports – never force them.
- Parents should focus on a player's efforts, rather than winning or losing.
- Parents should be realistic about the players' abilities; they should not push them towards a level that they are not capable of achieving.
- Parents should provide positive verbal feedback both in training and during games.
- Parents should remember that persistent, negative messages will adversely affect the players' and referee's performance and attitude.
- Parents should always support the Club in its efforts to eradicate loud, coarse and abusive behaviour from the game.
- Parents should remember young people learn a great deal by example.
- Parents should always show appreciation of good play by all players both from the PTRFC and the opposition.
- Parents should respect decisions made by match officials, even if they appear to be a mistake, and encourage players to do likewise.
- Parents should be aware of the 'Player's Code of Good Behavior' and promote the values, virtues and practices set out in it within their children.

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### THE SPECTATOR'S CODE OF GOOD BEHAVIOUR

- Spectators are encouraged to act as positive role models to all players.
- Spectators should be familiar with, and abide by the Club's guide lines in relation to verbal and emotional abuse of other Club Members, Players, Members of Opposition teams, Match Officials and Club Guests.
- Spectators should at all times adopt a high standard of spectator behaviour.
- Spectators are to bear in mind that young people participate in sports for their own enjoyment not that of the spectators.
- Spectators should acknowledge good individual and team performances from all players irrespective of the team in which they play.
- Spectators should respect match officials' decisions, even if they appear to make a mistake – remember they are volunteers providing an opportunity for players to participate in sports they enjoy.
- Spectators should never verbally abuse players, coaches, match officials or fellow spectators: such behaviour creates a negative environment for players and their behaviour generally degenerates to reflect this.
- Spectator's should acknowledge effort and good performance rather than adopting a 'win at all costs' mentality.
- Spectator's should verbally encourage all players in a positive manner, shouting 'for' not 'at', the players.
- Spectator's should encourage all players irrespective of their ability – never ridicule any individual player regardless of the team in which they play.

### GENERAL CODE

- Club Members' should be positive role models to all other members of the Club, in particular junior members.
- Club Members should be aware of, sensitive to and respectful of the customs and sensitivities of other members of the Club.
- Club Members' should be aware of, and adherent of, the Club's policies with regard to verbal and emotional abuse of other Club Members, Players, Members of Opposition teams, Match Official, Club Guests & Club Staff.
- Club Members should be aware of, and adherent of, the Club's policies with regard to Physical abuse of other Club Members, Players, Members of Opposition teams, Match Official, Club Guests & Club Staff.
- Club Member's should be aware, and respectful of, the Club's obligations in relation to its handling of Sponsors and Sponsoring organisations. Club Members should adhere to any requests aimed at protecting Club Sponsorships and the revenues they bring to the Club.
- Club Members' should be aware of all local traditions, cultural values and laws Cyprus pertaining to their behaviour both within the Club's facilities, at other sports clubs they may visit during away fixtures and in general both when representing Paphos Tigers RFC or as a responsible member of the Club at functions outside of the Club.
- Club Members should pay any fees and/or invoices as may be raised by the Club for membership and/or activities in which they have participated or in which they intend to participate promptly when requested to do so.
- Club Members should actively promote the enjoyment of participating as a member of the Tigers RFC and make every effort not to impinge on the right to enjoy using the Club of other members or their guests.