



# Kalamunda Districts Rugby Union Club

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## CODE OF CONDUCT - JUNIORS

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KDRUC expects that all adults involved with Junior players (Parents, Coaches, Managers and Supporters) provide positive support, care and encouragement for all children participating in KDRUC by following this Code of Conduct.

KDRUC Junior Code of Conduct is in addition to Rugby Australia's Code of Conduct that applies to all players, volunteers and supporters of Rugby Union and any specific policies by RA or RugbyWA relating to members on and off field conduct.

Parents are to ensure that any person(s) acting as a guardian or carer of their child and/or any visitors/guests, are made aware of and subject to, this Code of Conduct.

### **Adults are to:**

- Remember that the game is for the children and not the adults.
- Encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials including referees, at every game, practice, or other KDRUC or RugbyWA event.
- Appreciate good performance by all competitors and officials.
- Respect officials' decisions and teach your child to do likewise.
- Be a positive role model through their own actions to make sure that every child has the best rugby experience possible.
- Recognise and show appreciation for an outstanding play by either team.
- Support all efforts to remove physical and verbal abuse from all rugby activities.
- Teach children that an honest effort is as important as victory, so that the result of each event is accepted without undue disappointment.
- Applaud good performance and efforts by KDRUC and your opponents. Congratulate all players and clubs upon their performance, regardless of the outcome.
- Never ridicule or scold a player for making a mistake during training or a game. Positive comments are motivational.
- Teach each child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- Not get into arguments with the opposing team's parents, players or coaches.



- Never use abusive or insulting language. Treat everyone with dignity and how you would expect to be treated.
- Recognise the value and importance of all volunteer coaches and team managers.
- Be a "team" fan, not a "my kid" fan.
- Show respect for your own team`s opponents. Without them there would be no game.
- Expect a playing environment for all juniors that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and will refrain from their use at all junior rugby activities.
- Ensure that the participants play in a safe and healthy environment,
- Be respectful of the playing fields and follow all rules and regulations, including parking restrictions related to the grounds that we play at.
- Help maintain a safe and clean playing environment by removing any dangerous items or objects that you see and by cleaning up and placing rubbish in bins after training & games.
- Help teach respect for the Club facilities, by following the Clubhouse Rules and not allowing littering, mistreatment of club equipment or facilities or any vandalism.
- Remember that it is everyone`s responsibility to supervise non-playing children and to dispose of any trash that is left lying around or that an individual bring to the grounds.
- Help the team coach by being on time for training and games and ensuring that your child is picked up on time at the end of training and games. If a parent is unable to attend training or games, the parent is to let the respective team manager and coach know in a reasonable and timely fashion.
- Parents are not to leave any children alone at training or a game without first communication with the team manager and coach.

## Concerns

### Coaching

If a parent has a concern about the coaching, they are to raise the issues with the team manager and coaches in an appropriate manner and in an appropriate time and place.

If unsatisfied with the response, parents are required to follow KDRUC`s Dispute Resolution Policy & Procedures.

### Referees

If there is any concern about a referee`s decision or any other aspect of the game, issues are to be raised with the team`s coach.

Under no circumstances KDRUC members are to question an official`s honesty or judgement in public.



Disrespect towards a referee or official will not be tolerated and may result in ejections from games and possibly the club.

**Failure to Follow the Junior Code of Conduct**

If individuals fail to adhere to this Juniors Code of Conduct, KDRUC may apply sanctions, penalties or suspensions if believed necessary.

In the event of a serious breach, the adult and /or their child could face removal as a spectator or player from KDRUC.

**Notes:**

This policy can be reviewed and amended by the Club Committee at any time without prior notice.

**For information regarding this Policy, please contact the Club's Junior President:**

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