

# SANTA MONICA RUGBY CLUB - YOUTH PROGRAM CODE OF CONDUCT 2016/17

Santa Monica Rugby Club (SMRC) Youth program adheres to USA Rugby's Code of Ethics. Please read and discuss the following with family members, then sign and return to your team's manager.

## **PLAYERS:**

- Play for the 'fun of it' and not to please parents, coaches and teachers.
- Play by the laws and within the 'spirit of the game'.
- Shake hands with your opponent and referee after the match.
- Control your temper and never argue with the referee's decision. Verbal abuse of officials or other players, deliberately fouling or fighting are neither acceptable nor permitted.
- Be on time for training and matches and communicate with your team manager about conflicts.
- Work equally hard for yourself and your team. Your team's performance will benefit and so will you.
- Be a good sport. Admire all good play whether by your own team or the other team. Do not cheer at a missed opportunity of the opponent (i.e. missed extra point). Be humble in victory and gracious in defeat.
- Treat all players as you would like to be treated and with RESPECT. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player.
- Co-operate with all referees, coaches, teammates and opponents. Without them there would be no game.
- Behave appropriately as a representative of SMRC on and off the pitch.
- Refrain from using inappropriate language or engaging in inappropriate activities.
- Possession, distribution, or use of alcohol, drugs or tobacco products at practices, games or team functions, including any team travel will not be tolerated.

## **PARENTS, GUARDIANS, CAREGIVERS AND SPECTATORS:**

- Remember children play sport for their enjoyment, not yours. Encourage children to play, do not force them.
- Focus upon the child's efforts and performance rather than the overall outcome of the event. This assists the child in setting realistic goals related to their ability by reducing the emphasis on winning.
- Demand that children always play within the laws of the game.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game.
- Remember children learn most by example.
- Applaud good play by all teams.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Show appreciation for coaches, officials and administrators. Without them your child would not participate.
- Respect the official's decisions and teach children to do likewise. DO NOT voice your opinion aloud. If you disagree with an official, raise the issue through the appropriate channels rather than question or comment on the official's judgment in public. Remember most officials give their time and effort for your child's involvement.
- Consumption of tobacco & alcohol is forbidden at all junior rugby games. Distribution of alcohol, tobacco or drugs to any youth players is also forbidden.
- Stay off the pitch before, during, and after games.
- Take an active role in SMRC activities and volunteer to assist your team and the club.
- Sell your minimum required raffle tickets (10).

**ANY violations of this Code of Conduct will be immediately referred to Santa Monica Rugby Club's Board of Directors for review and may result in suspension or dismissal from the club without appeal or refund of fees paid.**

I/We hereby confirm that I/we have read the above and agree to abide by its principals throughout the 2016/17 rugby season. Failure to do so will result in suspension or dismissal from the Santa Monica Rugby Club.

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Player's signature

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Parents/ Guardian's name

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