



# Lytchett Minster Rugby Club

## Code of Conduct

Lytchett Minster Rugby Club is a friendly, family based Rugby Club that attempts to hold onto the traditions that it has grown up promoting and therefore our Code of Conduct is a benchmark of how we would like our members and their families to behave.

### Players

- Play fairly and by the laws of the game.
- Do not argue with the referee – You will never make him change his mind.
- Be a good sport, control your temper and don't show off.
- Respect your team mates and the opposition, they are here to play rugby and enjoy themselves too.
- Encourage your team mates and don't shout at them if something goes wrong. We all make mistakes, but never deliberately. A team is strongest, if all the players in it are playing for each other, rather than wasting energy arguing with each other.
- Never give up and enjoy yourself!

### Coaches

- Be reasonable.
- Be generous with your praise for both teams.
- Never condemn players for the errors that they will inevitably make. Positive encouragement works much better than abuse.
- Do not criticise the referee openly. Discuss any problems after the game in private and out of earshot of your players, parents and supporters.
- Remember it's your players' day and the prime motive is their enjoyment, not their win/loss record. If it is fun for everybody, they will be keen to turn up next weekend.

### Parents / Guardians / Spectators

- Remember the young players play rugby for their enjoyment – Not yours.
- Encourage your child to learn the rules of the game and play within them.
- Applaud good play from both teams and don't abuse players for their mistakes. All of them will be trying as hard as they can.
- Discourage unfair play and arguing with officials.
- Help your child to recognise good performance, not just results.
- Do not abuse the referee. Publicly accept their judgements. Not only does it set a bad example for the young players, but will discourage referees from giving up their own free time and without them, there would be no games played.
- Never force your child to take part in sport.
- Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes.
- Use correct and proper language at all times.
- Never go on to the pitch during play, unless requested to do so.
- LMRFC operate a warning card system, administered by a LMRFC nominated person, for unruly behaviour while attending the club, based on RFU guidance. A Yellow card represents a warning, while a Red card means that you would be asked to leave the ground.