



Appendix 7.4.d ; The Good Spectators code

In Rugby Union we welcome spectators on our touch lines who embrace the ethos of the game as one of :

Teamwork Respect Enjoyment Discipline Sportsmanship

In Rugby Union spectators are encouraged to:

- Act as positive role models to all young players.
- Be familiar with, and abide by, the RFU child protection guidance in relation to verbal and emotional abuse.
- Respect the rugby club policy with regard to spectator behaviour.

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- Act as positive role models to all players.
- Be familiar with, and abide by, the RFU Child Protection Guidance in relation to verbal and emotional abuse.
- Respect guidance from the Club or School with regard to spectator behaviour.
- Remember children play sport primarily for their own enjoyment, not for that of the spectators.
- Acknowledge good individual and team performance from all players irrespective of the team in which they play.
- Respect match officials' decisions, even if they appear to make a mistake – remember, they are volunteers providing an opportunity for players to play rugby.
- Never verbally abuse players, coaches, match officials or fellow spectators: such behaviour can create a negative environment for players and their behaviour will often reflect this.
- Acknowledge effort and good performance rather than 'to win at all costs'.
- Verbally encourage all players in a positive manner, shouting 'for', not 'at', the players.
- Encourage all players irrespective of their ability - never ridicule any individual player, regardless of the team in which they play.