



Players representing St Peters RFC and their respective parents/guardians will abide by the following Code of Conduct, taken from the WRU Code of Conduct.



### Code of Conduct for Players

- 🏴 Players are expected to be properly dressed for games and training.
- 🏴 Learn the laws of the game and abide by them.
- 🏴 Never argue with the referee's or your coach's decision.
- 🏴 Control your temper on the field of play. Do not over react, do not show any ill feeling and do not take unfair advantage of another player.
- 🏴 Work equally hard for yourself and your team – your teams performance will benefit and so will your own.
- 🏴 Do not listen to or react to comments from spectators. Concentrate on your own team's performance.
- 🏴 Co-Operate with your team-mates, coaches and referee, for without them you do not have a game.
- 🏴 If you are disciplined by the referee or coach accept it without question and carry on.
- 🏴 Respect the opposition whether playing in triumph or defeat. Do not gloat if winning and don't be sore losers.
- 🏴 **Above all, do not use foul and abusive language or bad behaviour**

### Code of Conduct for Parents

- 🏴 Do not force an unwilling child to participate in rugby.
- 🏴 Encourage your child to play by the laws of the game.
- 🏴 Teach your child the importance of effort and teamwork.
- 🏴 Help your child to improve skills and to learn a positive attitude to the game.
- 🏴 Set an example to your child.
- 🏴 Applaud good play by our team and by members of the opposing team.
- 🏴 Be friendly to parents of the opposition.
- 🏴 Do not publicly question the coaches or referee's decisions.
- 🏴 Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse.
- 🏴 Recognise and value the importance of coaches.
- 🏴 Do not come onto the pitch during the game, warm up and half time.
- 🏴 Do not enter the team changing rooms unless invited by the coach.
- 🏴 **Above all, do not use foul and abusive language or bad behaviour**

### Code of Conduct for Coaches

- 🏴 To develop in players an appreciation of rugby and instil in them the ethos of good sportsmanship.
- 🏴 To encourage and deliberately boost the confidence of all players.
- 🏴 To never ridicule any player.
- 🏴 Ensure coaching sessions are well prepared with the coaching emphasis being placed on the acquisition of skill, decision making and an understanding of the game.
- 🏴 Maintain the highest standards of personal discipline and courtesy during matches irrespective of the result and be a role model for all players and parents.
- 🏴 Do not force an unwilling child to participate in rugby.

- 🏴 Encourage the players to play by the laws /rules
- 🏴 Teach the players the importance of effort, teamwork and respect for team mates and opponents.
- 🏴 To never ridicule any player.
- 🏴 Be fair and consistent in your appraisal of all players' efforts and encourage at all time with words and actions.
- 🏴 Make yourself approachable to all players and parents alike.
- 🏴 **Above all, do not use foul and abusive language or bad behaviour**

## **Social Media**

- 🏴 Do not post negative or inappropriate comments on group or individual accounts. Stop and think before you post.
- 🏴 Photos' can be posted, but without names as to protect player.
- 🏴 If you do not wish photos of your child to be posted on social media please inform your coach / team manager.

## **Additional**

- 🏴 No parents are to take any rugby based extra-curricular activities including organising games or trainings with players registered to St Peters RFC without permission of age group coaching team.

## **Half a Game Policy**

- 🏴 St Peters RFC have signed up to the 'Half a Game 'policy. This will involve all players in the squad will receiving equal playing time on the field. This may be doable each Sunday depending on squad size numbers but for larger groups may involve players playing alternate weeks. Your coach will ensure that all players get equal playing time.

## **Team Tactics/Selection**

- 🏴 Matters relating to team tactics are the sole responsibility of the coaches and should not be up for public criticism from players / parents or non-participants. The coaching team will be responsible for the team selection with the Head Coach having final say.

## **Players Performance**

- 🏴 Regardless of a player's performance any shows of public disapproval from parents or spectators should not occur. No parent should put any undue pressure on their own child or any other players in the team. If you cannot say anything positive then please do not say anything!!The game is played for your child's enjoyment and to build self-confidence, negative comments do not help.

## **Discipline**

- 🏴 All matters relating to team and individual discipline both on and off the field in a match and during training are the sole responsibility of the coaching staff.

## **Training / Availability**

- 🏴 All training will be organised by the coaching team, parents will only get involved if asked to do so by the Head Coach. As parents you are not insured by the club if an accident occurs unless you are being supervised by a qualified coach and have been asked to assist. Each individual group will have its own policy regarding non-attendance at training and playing on a Sunday. Your coach will explain the policy which they will adhere to fairly and consistently.

## **Grievance Procedure**

If you feel you have a grievance with your respective squad, you must inform the team manager in writing within 7 days of the incident/event occurring.

The team manager will respond, in writing, within 7 days acknowledging receipt of the complaint.

The team manager will endeavour to deal with the complaint within 11 days of the original complaint.

However, if you feel that your complaint has not been dealt with sufficiently and the aforementioned process has been exhausted, it then becomes an issue for St Peters RFC Committee, whose decision is final.

Failure to comply with any of the above could result in a player being removed from the squad.

**I agree for my family to abide by the rules and regulations within this document.**

Parent/ Guardian Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_ Sign: \_\_\_\_\_

Player Name (Print ) \_\_\_\_\_ Sign: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach Name (Print ) \_\_\_\_\_ Sign: \_\_\_\_\_

**Club to retain one copy and one copy for parent /player**