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## TTRFCJnr 0205

## **CODE OF CONDUCT** - Match Officials

## **Match Officials should**

- A) Recognise the importance of fun and enjoyment when officiating players.
- B) Provide positive verbal feedback in a constructive and encouraging manner during games.
- C) Emphasise the spirit of the game.
- D) Appreciate the needs of the players before the needs of the sport.
- E) Understand the physical and behavioural development of players.
- F) Be a positive role model. Set an example, and as such, comments should be positive and supportive.
- G) Look to self-improvement e.g. participation in training courses.
- H) Recognise that the safety of players is paramount.
- I) Explain decisions all players are still learning and parents will understand the game better.
- J) Always penalise foul play.
- K) Play advantage whenever possible in order to let the game flow.
- L) Show empathy for the age and ability of players.
- M) Be consistent and objective.
- N) Be familiar with the Good Spectator's Code and ensure that verbal abuse from players, coaches or spectators is not tolerated and is dealt with by club officials immediately.
- O) Be aware of, and abide by, the RFU Child Protection Guidance policies and procedures.
- P) Officiate to the rules laid down in the Rugby Continuum and keep themselves updated on rule changes.
- Q) Check that the home Club or School has provided a qualified first aider, ambulance access has not been obstructed and that appropriate equipment is available along with someone trained in its use before starting play.
- R) Before training sessions and matches check that studs and other clothing are in accordance with the iRB Laws of the Game.