



Our Pledge to Players, Parents, Guardians, Members, Staff and Supporters

Pirates Youth Rugby Club has adopted the following Code of Conduct for all players' officials, parents and supporters. We are committed to the values of **Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline and Good Sportsmanship**. We value the support and dedication of every one of the parents, members, supporters, volunteers (managers, coaches, Management Team incl. Chairperson) and the players. We pledge to protect such rights as:

- ◆ Watching the game in a safe, clean and healthy environment,
- ◆ To be treated in a courteous, consistent, and professional manner,
- ◆ To be treated with dignity and respect by other spectators attending games and those organising these events,
- ◆ To expect displays of good sportsmanship,
- ◆ To expect timely and accurate information related to the games, and practices,
- ◆ To "support" their team, provided that this is done in a manner that does not adversely affect or impact the experience of others and is always in good taste,

Aims of the Pirates Youth Rugby Code of Conduct

The Code of Conduct sets out the expected behaviour of all members of Pirates Youth Rugby being players, parents, guardians, spectators and volunteers of Pirates Youth Rugby when participating in any practice, match, associated online media or club events and in such a manner that will be seen as representing Pirates Youth Rugby.

No section of the club operates in isolation. Relevant aspects of the Code of Conduct are tailored to specific sections, ensuring a positive experience for all players, supporters, and staff. Overall, the Code of Conduct is designed with the following in mind:

- ◆ **THE GAME IS PLAYED FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF PLAYERS WITH SPORTSMANSHIP EMPHASISED AT ALL TIMES.**
- ◆ To improve our physical fitness and encouraging participation and camaraderie in Rugby by making it attractive, safe and enjoyable for all people,
- ◆ To remind administrators, volunteers, coaches, referees that rugby must be administered, taught and provided for the good of all who wish to play the game. It is their game,
- ◆ Rugby provides the opportunity to meet new people and establish lifelong friendships,
- ◆ Basic skills and the laws of Rugby shall be imparted to all,
- ◆ To protect all players, parents, guardians, spectators and volunteers of Pirates Youth Rugby,
- ◆ To protect others that could possibly be affected negatively by any behaviour from Pirates Youth Rugby,
- ◆ To reduce the risk of harm, injury, harassment and nuisance to members and the wider community,
- ◆ To create an inclusive sporting environment for all,
- ◆ **The Pirates Code of Conduct does not override the Boksmart Code of Conduct and should be read and applied in conjunction with the Boksmart Code of Conduct.**

This Code applies to all players, parents, guardians, spectators and volunteers of Pirates Youth Rugby

CODE OF CONDUCT TERMS APPLICABLE TO EVERYONE

There are certain terms that are applicable to all. Any person not abiding by The Code of Conduct could face disciplinary action in line with the severity of the offense. This will be detailed in a Disciplinary Policy which will be shared in the event of non-compliance to the Code of Conduct. These terms are as follows:

- ◆ No person representing Pirates Youth Rugby will take any action that could bring the reputation of the club into disrepute,



- ◆ Any behaviour or action deemed to be against the Code of Conduct is to be reported to The Management Team or Pirates Youth Rugby,
- ◆ To Respect the property of the Club and of other members,
- ◆ Treat staff of Pirates Club, and all volunteers with respect and courtesy,
- ◆ Refrain from harassment in any form, and respect the rights, dignity and values of others,
- ◆ Abide by all applicable laws of the Country,

PLAYERS CODE

- ◆ Play for the enjoyment.
- ◆ Your child will be encouraged to play hard and strive to win within the laws of the game
- ◆ Work equally hard for your child and their team - thus the team's performance will benefit as well as your child.
- ◆ When your child commits themselves to a team for the season, honour that commitment. Attend all training sessions and games each week for the whole of the season.
- ◆ Treat all other players, as you would wish your child to be treated.
- ◆ Your child will play by the rules, never argue with an official, referee or other players. Let the coach or manager sort out any problems.
- ◆ Your child must cooperate with coaches, team mates and opponents. Without them your child does not have a game.
- ◆ Players shall take pride and enjoy participating in sport.
- ◆ Learn to win with grace and lose with dignity. Be modest in success and appreciate your child's opponent's performance, even when defeated.
- ◆ At the conclusion of the game, the opponents are to be thanked for the game as should the referee and officials who have made the game possible.

PARENTS, GUARDIANS AND OTHER SPECTATORS CODE

- ◆ Be punctual to all games and training, your child should be at the ground at least an hour before the match starts or as agreed with the respective coach and team management and 10 minutes before training. If your child arrives late, he/she can expect to be a reserve if there is a surplus of players.
- ◆ Wednesday and Friday are the official training night. If your child is unable to attend you must notify your manager or the coach as to the reason why your child will be unable to attend. Failure to do this or supplying an unacceptable excuse may result in your child not being selected for the following match.
- ◆ If your child is unsure of what to do or need to be assisted in any way, speak to the team manager for help. You will be provided with the telephone numbers of the manager.
- ◆ Your child is expected to help with the equipment at both training and at all matches. Equipment should be looked after and cared for by the whole team. Always thank your coach after all training sessions and all games and encourage your child to do so.
- ◆ Show respect for your own team's opponents, applauding all good play by own and opposition team. Without them there would be no game, and in applauding any good play is setting a good example,
- ◆ Condemn the use of violence in all forms,
- ◆ Never belittle or punish your child for losing or making mistakes,
- ◆ Never force your child to take part in a sport,
- ◆ Support your child's involvement however big or small, and help them enjoy the sport,
- ◆ Respect the referee's decisions and publicly accept them. If there is any concern about a referee's decision or any other aspect of the game, it should be raised with your child's coach or manager. **Under no circumstances is the official's honesty or judgment to be questioned in public,**
- ◆ Respect any match official's decision,
- ◆ Never condone the use of violence and verbal abuse – use correct and proper language at all times,



- ◆ During the course of, or after a match a club member, player, coach, official, supporter or any other person associated with Pirates Youth Rugby Club, shall not abuse or address a referee or a touch judge in insulting terms, or act in an intimidating manner towards a referee or a touch judge,
- ◆ Encourage players to always play according to the laws of the game,
- ◆ Encourage child to learn the rules and play within them,
- ◆ Learn the Laws of the Game to better understand what one is looking at and commenting on,
- ◆ Not do anything which is likely to intimidate, offend, insult, humiliate or discriminate against any other person on the grounds of gender, race, disability, age, religious or political belief, sexual orientation, social backgrounds, ethnic origin, language, marital or civil partnership status,
- ◆ Discourage unfair play and arguing with officials,
- ◆ Empower your child to recognise good performances from own team and opposing, not just results,
- ◆ Enjoy a rugby experience free from fighting, throwing objects, attempting to enter the playing field, promoting or relaying political or inciting messages of such nature, and disorderly behaviour, including foul, sexist, racial, obscene or abusive language and/or gestures,
- ◆ Comply with requests from ground staff regarding ground policies and emergency response procedures,
- ◆ Comply with match officials and safety marshals regarding emergency response procedures,
- ◆ Only consume alcohol beverages in the designated bar areas and in a responsible manner understanding that alcohol may only be consumed by those of legal age. Any person appearing to be intoxicated or under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance may be denied entry or removed from the grounds.
- ◆ No alcohol may be brought on the field.
- ◆ Conduct themselves in a lawful manner to avoid incidents in the grounds and in the surrounding community,
- ◆ Understand firearms, weapons, illegal drugs, and or other materials deemed hazardous or dangerous by Pirates Youth Rugby Club, Pirates Club Greenside, Ground Staff, Security Staff are prohibited,
- ◆ Ensure that trade or sale of objects not approved by Pirates may not take place on the grounds or property, including parking lots, without a permit, concession license, lease or express permission from the Pirates Club and or Pirates Youth Rugby Club,

BOKSMART

SA Rugby is very strict on Boksmart Regulations. The Club will, at all times, adhere to these safety regulations with regard to playing facilities and behaviour of coaches, players and parents/guardians. For the full information regarding Boksmart visit the website <http://boksmart.sarugby.co.za>

Yours in Rugby,

Pirates Youth Rugby