



## Penicuik Rugby Club – Codes of Conduct

# Coaches

- ◆ Be aware of the Club Child Protection policy. If you have any concerns whatsoever about the policy or procedures then raise them immediately with the Club Child Protection Officer/Youth Convenor
- ◆ Children learn by example – set a good example for them to follow and give them a role model that they can respect
- ◆ Be generous with praise when it is deserved. Always seek to emphasise the positive and to encourage
- ◆ Treat all children equally and ensure that all players can participate
- ◆ Never pressurise a child to train or play against their will
- ◆ Understand the physical, social and psychological development of young players and make sure all activities are appropriate to the age, ability and experience of those taking part
- ◆ Promote respect for opponents, match officials, opposing coaches and spectators. Never criticise match officials during or after the match in front of players or spectators – always thank officials and if they have made any decisions which require clarification, discuss that privately with them afterwards
- ◆ Encourage young people to develop a FAIRPLAY ethos – do not tolerate foul play, cheating, violence or bad language
- ◆ Keep winning and losing in perspective - encourage young players to behave with dignity in all circumstances
- ◆ Never be afraid to ask for help or advice. No coach knows all the answers but by pooling our resources and ideas we can improve ourselves for the benefit of the whole club

**NOTE:** This Code of Conduct is an extension of the more general Club Code of Conduct, copies of which can be found on the Club website and the main notice-board in the clubhouse.