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## **FYLDE RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB LIMITED**

### **Match officials code of conduct**

Match Officials should:

- Recognise the importance of fun and enjoyment when officiating players.
- Provide positive verbal feedback in a constructive and encouraging manner during games.
- Emphasise the spirit of the game
- Appreciate the needs of the players before the needs of the sport. Understand the physical and behavioural development of players.
- Be a positive role model. Set an example, and as such, comments should be positive and supportive.
- Look to self-improvement e.g. participation in training courses.
- Recognise that the safety of players is paramount.
- Explain decisions where appropriate to do so
- Always penalise foul play.
- Play advantage whenever possible in order to let the game flow.
- Show empathy for the age and ability of players.
- Be consistent and objective.
- 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.
- Be aware of, and abide by, the RFU Child Protection Guidance policies and procedures.
- Officiate to the rules laid down in the Rugby Continuum and keep themselves updated on rule changes.
- 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.
- Before training sessions and matches check that studs and other clothing are in accordance with the IRB Laws of the Game