

DURSLEY R.F.C.



**Dursley Rugby Football Club**  
**Junior / Mini Section**

**Coaches' Code Of Conduct**

The Coaches Code of Conduct is an important part of the Club's Welfare Policy. To create a safe environment for players at all times, we expect all our coaching team to: -

- Recognise the importance of fun and enjoyment when coaching players
- Be familiar with and meet the requirements of our Welfare Policy, including the recruitment policy for coaches and guidance on restricted practices from the RFU
- Be familiar with the requirements of Age Grade Rugby issued by the RFU
- Be familiar with the Code of Practice issued by the RFU
- Be familiar with the Club's Codes of Conduct for Players, Parents/Guardians and Spectators and be clear with players and their parents, what is expected of them both on and off the rugby field
- Develop relationships with players that are based on mutual trust and respect and which encourage players to take responsibility for their own behaviour and performance
- Place the safety and well being of players above the development of performance by
  - Giving all players an equal opportunity to play and avoiding overplaying
  - Motivating players through positive feedback and constructive criticism
  - Not allowing players to play or train when injured
  - Ensuring all activities are appropriate to the age and maturity of the players
  - Ensuring equipment and facilities are safe and appropriate to the age and ability of the players
  - Not exposing players to extremes of heat, cold or unacceptable risk of injury
- Respect all referees and the decisions they make, even if they appear to make a mistake,
- Ensure good supervision of players, both on and off the field.
- Hold current RFU coaching awards and equivalent qualifications and keep up to date with knowledge and technical skills
- Ensure relevant statutory body clearance is maintained.
- Restrict physical contact with players to that which is necessary to teach or coach a technique or maintain safety
- Keep records of attendance and significant accidents, injuries or incidents
- Consistently display high standards of personal behaviour
- Promote the positive aspects of rugby and fair play.