

# Chipstead Rugby Union Football Club

## Code of Conduct for Spectators and Supporters



- Always act as role models to all players.
- Be familiar with, and abide by, the RFU Child Protection Guidance in relation to Verbal and emotional abuse if children are playing.
- Respect the guidance of your Club with regard to spectator behaviour.
- Remember that all players primarily play rugby for their own enjoyment not for that of the spectators.
- Acknowledge good individual and team performance from all players irrespective of the team in which they play.
- Respect match officials' decisions, even if they appear to make a mistake—remember they are volunteers providing an opportunity for players to play rugby as without them there would be no game for you to watch!
- Never verbally abuse players, coaches, match officials or fellow spectators: such behaviour can create a negative environment for players and their behaviour will often reflect this.
- Acknowledge effort and good performance rather than win at all costs.
- Verbally encourage players irrespective of their ability — never ridicule any player regardless of the team in which they play.
- Do not encroach on to the playing area and do not obstruct the match officials (which for the avoidance of doubt includes a volunteer touch judge).
- Do not leave any glasses or other potentially hazardous materials in positions that could injure any player% officials or other persons.
- Club members are also asked to keep the surrounding area of the Club, which includes the Meads as clean, tidy and litter free as possible. Parents are responsible for making sure the children don't damage to the clubs property and facilities, and treat it as you would your home.