

# Chipstead Rugby Union Football Club

## Parent Policy



At Chipstead Rugby Club we believe that taking part in our sport should be a positive and enjoyable part of children's lives. Please ensure that you bear the following in mind when introducing your child to Rugby and they will enjoy our sport as much as we do and, hopefully, you do:-

1. Never force a child to play Rugby.
2. Always remember, children play Rugby for their enjoyment, not yours.
3. Encourage your child to play by the Rules/Laws.
4. Teach your child that victory isn't everything - playing as well as you can is just as important. On any day, no more than half the teams can win, so defeat is no disgrace.
5. Turn defeat in to victory by helping your child work towards skill. improvement and good sportsmanship. Never ridicule or yell at your child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
6. Remember that children learn best by example. Applaud good play by your team and by members of the opposing team.
7. Do not publicly question the officials' judgement and never their honesty.
8. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children's sporting activities.
9. Recognise the value and importance of volunteer coaches. They give their time and resources to provide recreational activities for your child.
10. Don't abuse anyone - especially the referee. Like the coaches, he is a volunteer and unpaid. He has given up his spare time. If you abuse him, he might not return. And how can your child play Rugby without a referee?