

CODE OF CONDUCT

Introduction

This Code of Conduct is the “*World Rugby Code of Conduct*”, amended only in so far as is necessary to apply to the game in Scotland. Scottish Rugby is obliged to adopt the World Rugby Code and to ensure it is observed by all those who participate in the game within its jurisdiction.

The Code

Scottish Rugby’s *Code of Conduct* shall apply in respect of all clubs, players, coaches, match officials and other persons connected in anyway with the game of Rugby Football in Scotland.

All persons:-

- (1) must ensure that the Game is played and conducted in accordance with disciplined and sporting behaviour and acknowledge that it is not sufficient to rely solely upon the match officials to maintain those principles;
- (2) shall co-operate in ensuring that the spirit of the Laws of the Game is upheld and refrain from selecting players guilty of foul play;
- (3) shall not repeatedly breach the Laws of the Game;
- (4) shall accept and observe the authority and decisions of referees, assistant referees, match officials and all rugby disciplinary bodies;
- (5) shall not publish or cause to be published criticism of the manner in which a referee or assistant referee handled a match;
- (6) shall not publish or cause to be published criticism of the manner in which World Rugby, Scottish Rugby or any disciplinary body handled or resolved any dispute or disciplinary matter resulting from a breach of the World Rugby Bye-Laws, World Rugby Laws of the Game, World Rugby Regulations Relating to the Game, Scottish Rugby’s National Competition Rules or any other Scottish Rugby rule, policy or process;
- (7) shall not engage in any conduct or any activity on or off the field that may impair public confidence in the honest and orderly conduct of a match, tour, tournament or series of matches (including, but not limited to, the supply of information in relation to the game, directly or indirectly, to bookmakers or to persons who may use such information to their advantage) or in the integrity and good character of any person;
- (8) shall not commit a breach of World Rugby Regulation 6 (*Wagering*);
- (9) shall promote the reputation of the game and take all possible steps to prevent it from being brought into disrepute;
- (10) shall not commit a doping offence as defined in World Rugby Regulation 21 (*Anti-Doping*);

- (11) shall not abuse, threaten or intimidate a referee, assistant referee or other match official, whether on or off the field of play;
- (12) shall not use crude, foul or abusive language or gestures towards referees, assistant referees or other match officials or spectators;
- (13) shall not do anything which is likely to intimidate, offend, insult, humiliate or discriminate against any person on the ground of their religion, race, sex, sexual orientation, colour or national or ethnic origin;
- (14) shall not do anything which adversely affects the game of Rugby Football, Scottish Rugby, any member club or other Union of World Rugby or any commercial partner of the game in Scotland.
- (15) shall abide by all other Codes of Conduct and policies issued by the SRU including *inter alia* the Scottish Rugby Code of Conduct for Safeguarding Children in Rugby.

Every person is under an obligation to comply with this Code of Conduct.

The Scottish Rugby Union is obliged to monitor compliance with and impose sanctions for breaches of the Code of Conduct by persons under its jurisdiction.

For breaches of the Code of Conduct, the Discipline Committee of Scottish Rugby may impose such penalties as it deems appropriate.