



# LANKELLY-FOWEY SUPPORTER'S CODE:

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## PARENTS / GUARDIANS ARE EXPECTED TO:

- Be familiar with the coaching programme and fixtures so that they can ensure their child is fully involved and the coaches are aware of their availability.
  - Ensure that their child arrives for training / matches in good time and suitably equipped for the conditions.
- Be aware that the Club has a duty of care to ensure the safety of players and, where appropriate, assist coaches with the supervision of the players, both at training and matches.
  - Be involved with Club activities and share their expertise.
  - Share any concerns, with Club coaches and officials.
  - Be familiar with the Good Coaches' Code and recognise :
    - the importance of fun and enjoyment when coaching young players;
    - that winning and losing should be kept in perspective, encouraging players to behave with dignity in all circumstances.
  - Focus on the players' efforts and progress rather than match results and scores.
- Be realistic about the players' abilities; do not push them towards a level that they are not capable of achieving.
  - Provide positive verbal feedback both in training and during training games.
- Always support the Club in its efforts to eradicate loud, coarse and abusive behaviour from the game.

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## WHEN SPECTATING / SUPPORTING AT MATCHES, PLEASE

- Act as positive role models to all players.
- Respect match officials' decisions, even if they appear to make a mistake, they are volunteers providing an opportunity for players to play rugby.
- Encourage all players irrespective of their ability - never ridicule any individual player, regardless of the team for which they play.
  - Verbally encourage in a positive manner, shouting 'for', not 'at', the players.
- Acknowledge good individual and team performances from all players on both teams.
  - Acknowledge effort and good performance rather than 'to win at all costs'.
- Be familiar with, and abide by, the RFU Child Protection Guidance in relation to verbal and emotional abuse.
  - Never verbally abuse players, coaches, match officials or fellow spectators.
- Remember that persistent, negative messages will adversely affect the players' and referee's performance and attitude.
  - Remember children play sport primarily for their own enjoyment, not for that of the spectators.