**Codes of Conduct – Parents**

**Always encourage your child to:**

* Enjoy their rugby
* Play by the laws of the game
* Be honest in the game – it is as important as winning
* Work towards skills improvement and good sportsmanship

**Set a good example:**

* Applaud good play on both sides
* Do not ridicule, humiliate or shout at age grade players for making a mistake or losing a match
* Do not place emphasis on winning at all cost
* Do not use profane language or harass referees, coaches or players
* Do not publicly question the referee’s judgement and never their honesty

**Acknowledge and uphold the good qualities of the Game of Rugby**

* Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from rugby
* Do not force an unwilling child to participate in the playing of rugby. If the child is to play, he/she will do so in good time through your encouragement
* Recognise the value and importance of volunteer coaches and referees
* You and your child’s contribution is very important to the IRFU, be proud of your contribution
* Understand the value and importance of team sports