

PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

This code establishes the basic contract for players on a team. Once a player joins the team, he or she has made a commitment to abide by these rules. I hereby pledge to provide a positive attitude and be responsible for my participation in Rugby Idaho's High School/Youth rugby league by following this Code of Conduct.

1. Grades are a player's primary concern. Player's grades will not fall because a player is playing rugby. If your school has other requirements these will apply.
2. Use or suspected use of controlled substances (alcohol, other drugs, cigarettes for minors, etc.), or tolerating it in a teammate is grounds for a player to be dropped from the team. This matter is of such concern that a non-toleration policy is in effect. This means that knowledge of a teammate using controlled substances and not reporting it is the same as using it with the same consequences.
3. Racist, sexist, and bigoted jokes and statements will not be tolerated.
4. Obscene or profane language, as determined by the coaches, is not acceptable.
5. No player will be allowed to participate in contact practices or games without a mouthpiece.
6. Fighting on the pitch will not be tolerated. If a fight appears to be starting, teammates will pull the offending player to a safe area. Fighting could get a player suspended from the league for a period of time determined by coaches and/or the disciplinary committee.
7. Rugby activities are those approved by the head coach, and a coach is present at the activity i.e. practices, games (set-up, competition, and clean-up), approved social activities and fundraisers. If no coach is present, it is not a team-sanctioned activity, even if it starts as one.
8. No player will be dropped from the team for lack of athletic ability.
9. Players will not be allowed to play without the following: (a) Picture identification, (b) Valid USA Rugby and Rugby Idaho registration, (c) Medical waiver/permission, (d) When requested, verification from the school of student's status. Unless a player is eighteen, parents/guardians must sign these forms.
10. Players will wear the proper uniform to practice and games.
11. Good manners are expected on and off the field. Respect for the referee is required by the laws for the players and expected by the team for the spectators (back talk, disrespectful behavior, or assault, either verbal or physical, will not be tolerated).
12. If a player is severely injured, a coach, or someone designated by a coach, will take him or her to the hospital. An adult, generally a coach, will remain with the player until either the player is released, or the parents arrive.
13. I deserve to have fun during my sports experience and will alert parents or coaches if it stops being FUN!
14. I will encourage my parents to be involved with my team in some capability because it's important to me.
15. I will remember that sports are an opportunity to learn and have fun!

Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____