



## **Aurora Barbarians Rugby Club**

### **CODE OF RUGBY**

**Everyone involved with Aurora Barbarians RFC, whether as a player, coach, referee, administrator, parent or spectator is expected to uphold the Core Values of our sport:**

**Teamwork • Respect • Enjoyment Discipline • Sportsmanship**

- **Play to win - but not at all cost.**
- **Win with dignity, lose with grace.**
- **Observe the Laws and regulations of the game.**
- **Respect opponents, referees and all participants.**
- **Reject cheating, racism, violence and drugs.**
- **Value volunteers and paid officials alike.**
  - **Enjoy the game.**



# Code of Conduct for Players

1. **Play for enjoyment and become part of the rugby family.**
2. **Respect the 'Game of Rugby' and play within the Laws of the Game.**
3. **Accept the referee's decision and let your captain or coach ask any relevant questions.**
4. **Play with control. Do not lose your temper.**
5. **Always do your best and be committed to the game, your team and your club.**
6. **Be a 'good sport'. Applaud all good play whether by your team or the opposition.**
7. **Respect your opponent. Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Do not 'bully' or take advantage of any player.**
8. **Rugby is a team sport and make sure you co-operate with your coach; team mates and members of your club.**
9. **Remember that the goals of the game are to have fun, improve your skills and feel good.**
10. **At the end of the match thank your opponents and the referee for the match.**
11. **Always remember that you owe a duty of care to your opponents. Tackle hard but fairly, do not intend to hurt your opponent.**
12. **Winning and losing is part of sport: Win with humility – lose with dignity.**
13. **As part of the team it is important that you attend training regularly and listen to your coach and help your team.**
14. **As a team sport it is important to understand that all members are important to the team!**
15. **Remember you are representing your team, club, family and the Game of Rugby.**



# Code of Conduct for Coaches

- 1. Remember that as a coach of an 'age-grade team' you are acting 'in loco parentis' and that you have a duty of care to all your players.**
- 2. Lead by example - young people need a coach they can respect as a Role Model.**
- 3. Be generous with your praise and never ridicule, shout at players for making mistakes or losing a match.**
- 4. Teach your players that the Laws of the Game are mutual agreements which no one should evade or break.**
- 5. Ensure that you are appropriately qualified by gaining the relevant coaching accreditation for your particular level.**
- 6. Be reasonable in your demands on the players' time, energy and enthusiasm.**
- 7. Encourage respect for all participants – team mates and opponents, as well as match officials.**
- 8. Create a safe and enjoyable environment in which to train and play.**
- 9. Always follow professional medical advice in determining when an injured player is ready to play again.**
- 10. Develop policies for your club / team to agree procedures regarding discipline, injury prevention & treatment, team selection etc.**
- 11. Be responsible and ensure you uphold the ethos of the game and the IRFU.**
- 12. Support the IRB and Rugby Canada Child Welfare Policy and all policies regarding Children in Sport.**



# Code of Conduct for Parents and Spectators

- 1. Remember, young people play rugby for their enjoyment, not only yours.**
- 2. Encourage your child always to play by the Laws of the Game.**
- 3. Teach young children that honest endeavour is as important as winning, so that the result of each game is accepted without disappointment**
- 4. Help young people to work towards skill improvement and good sportsmanship.**
- 5. Set a good example by applauding good play on both sides.**
- 6. Never ridicule, humiliate or shout at young players for making a mistake or losing a match.**
- 7. Do not place emphasis on winning at all costs.**
- 8. 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.**
- 9. Support all efforts to remove verbal & physical abuse from rugby.**
- 10. As a spectator do not use profane language or harass referees, coaches or players.**
- 11. Do not publicly question the referee's judgement and never their honesty.**
- 12. Recognise the value and importance of volunteer referees and coaches.**
- 13. Identify and acknowledge the good qualities of the Game of Rugby and uphold these values.**
- 14. Remember you and your child's contribution to the Game of Rugby is very important and be proud of your contribution.**
- 15. Understand the value of team sport and its importance.**