

## Rainier Junior Rugby Club Codes of Conduct

**To:** Players & Parents

**From:** Rainier Rugby Coaching Staff & Operations Committee

**Effective:** Date: October 1<sup>st</sup> 2015

*It is the mission of the Rainier Junior Rugby Club (RJRC) to support the development of high-level rugby within the south king County and Pierce County region. The RJRC supports the development of rugby skills and player commitment to facilitate players to be able to play at the highest level of competition possible. The program also emphasizes individual player development as well as team accomplishments. It is the goal of the RJRC to provide top caliber coaching, facilities, equipment, medical care and an opportunity for all to participate regardless of their financial ability to make membership fee payments.*

*The RJRC endorses the following values: Personal responsibility, good sportsmanship, honesty, respect for ones teammates, coaches, game officials, opponents, fairness and team work. We hope that our program creates the foundation for a life –long love of the game and continued involvement after high school. It is extremely important that players, coaches, parents and other supporters represent our club using positive examples of behavior both on and off the field. For this reason the following codes of conduct were developed for coaches, players and parents.*

### Violations

*Actions by coaches, players or parents that are felt to be in violation of these codes or parallel standards set by our governing body Rugby WA should be brought to the attention of the Club President. A coach is also a valuable resource and can be contacted if appropriate and at all times confidentiality will be preserved.*

## **Parent / Guardian Code of Conduct**

**Support by parents and other family members are critical to the success of our club and can contribute in many positive methods. The RJRC founded in 2008 has set high standards of on-the-field behavior for its coaches and players. Its is equally important that parents and supporters recognize the importance of their role in maintaining and adhering to the codes of conducts established to assist in this goal.**

Parents shall respect the rights and dignity of RJRC Coaches, committee members and players

Parents are encouraged to applaud good play, both by our own teams and opposition

Parents must show respect for game officials and understand violations during games could result in coaches being red carded by referees and made to leave venue.

A parent must allow the coaches to coach. Offer encouragement, not coaching advice from the sideline.

As a parent support your player by meeting your commitments to the team and club and fulfill any required financial obligations.

Use of personal telecommunications and or social media should not be contrary to the mission and goals of the club or violate any of the expectations outlined in this document.

A parent shall display good sportsmanship at all times on the sidelines or within the confines of the match venue. Refrain from booing, taunting or dishonorable behavior.

A parent will not engage in any verbal conflicts with opposition supporters, opposition coaches or officials and abide by any directions provided by RJRC coaches or other officials in the case of dispute or conflict with any of the aforementioned individuals. This may include being asked to leave the venue.

A parent should support their player after any on-the – field indiscretion that may lead to a yellow or red card and if needed assist in maintaining the players composure, sportsmanship and understanding of the consequences of violating a law or laws of the game.

I sign this with the understanding that violation of this agreement may cause restricted access or even a ban from attending matches or other club events. I further agree to set an appropriate example as a parent or guardian of RJRC players and advise other family members or supporters who accompany me to matches or events of the standards and expectations set forth.

Parent/Guardian Name:

Parent/Guardian Signature:

## **Player Code of Conduct**

***The Rainier Junior Rugby Club exists for its players. We expect that our players not only try to perform at the highest athletic level in practice and games, but that good behavior and sportsmanship are displayed in all situations. To ensure that there is a clear understanding of the specific expectations each player must review and affirm the following Code of Conduct.***

*I promise to represent my club with honor and display good sportsmanship in all practice and game situations.*

*I will respect the rights, dignity, and worth of each and every person associated with our club and treat each equally within the context of the sport.*

*I will win with humility and lose with dignity, and use appropriate language and behavior during and after a match.*

*I will support my teammates on the practice field, on the game field and whenever I see them.*

*A player must adhere to all guidelines and rules as specified in the "laws of the game" provided by USA Rugby and Rugby WA and never exhibit behavior contrary to the spirit or laws.*

*A player must respect the integrity and judgment of game officials and address them appropriately as sir or ma'am.*

*A player is expected to participate in the post-match meal and get together regardless of the outcome of the match and engage supporters, opponents, coaches and officials in a respectful manner.*

*Use of telecommunication or social media platforms should not include any communications detrimental to the mission of the club and violate any of the expectations included in this document.*

*A player should display good sportsmanship and play safely in all practices and game situations*

*The RJRC values the good health of its players and adherence to all State and Federal laws. Players will not use or possess tobacco, drugs, or alcohol during any club event, assembly, practice or game.*

*I will honor my financial commitments to the club and return all club property as requested*

***I sign this with the understanding that violation of this agreement may cause me to be disciplined which could lead to suspension or dismissal from the club, and forfeiture of any past membership payments.***

***I further agree to set an appropriate example as a parent or guardian of the participating player and have ensured he or she has a full understanding of the expectations set forth.***

**Player Name:**

**Player Signature:**