

NEWTON STORM ARLFC

CODE OF CONDUCT



PLAYERS

- Treat everyone equally and sensitively regardless of their gender, ethnic origin, cultural background, sexual orientation, religion or political affiliation.
- All non-combatants of the playing teams, e.g. substitutes, players who have been dismissed or temporarily dismissed from the field of play, should never re-enter the field of play unless otherwise authorised.
- Know and abide by the Laws, rules and spirit of the game.
- Avoid all forms of gamesmanship and time wasting.
- Safeguard the physical fitness of opponents, avoid violence and rough play and help injured opponents.
- Accept the decisions of the match officials without question or complaint (let your captain or coach ask the necessary questions) and avoid words or actions which may mislead a Match Official.
- Respect the match officials at all times.
- Exercise self-control at all times and do not use illegal or dangerous tactics.
- Give maximum effort and strive for the best possible performance during a game, even if the team is in a position where the desired result has been achieved.
- Learn to accept success and failure, victory and defeat with humility and dignity respectively and without excessive emotional displays.
- Abide by the instructions of the coach and club officials provided they do not contradict the spirit of this code.
- Treat your team-mates and opponents, coaches, club officials and match officials with respect and consideration at all times - treat them, as you yourself would like to be treated.
- Do not attempt to improve individual performance by the use of banned substances or banned techniques.
- Do not use foul, sexist or racist language at any time.
- Work equally hard for yourself and your team - your team's performance will benefit and so will your own.
- Be a good sport, applaud all good performance, whether by your team or by the opponent.
- Remember that the aim of sport is to have fun, improve your skills and feel good.
- At the end of play applaud and thank your opponents and the match officials.

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PARENTS

- Teach your child to treat everyone equally and sensitively regardless of their gender, ethnic origin or cultural background.
- Do not force an unwilling child to take part in Rugby League.
- Encourage your child always to play by rules and to respect the match officials.
- Young people are involved in organised sport for their enjoyment - not yours.
- Never ridicule or shout at your child for making a mistake or losing a game.
- Teach your child that effort and teamwork are as important as victory, so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal, physical and racist abuse from Rugby League.

- Turn defeat into victory by helping young people towards skill improvement and good sportsmanship.
- Remember that young people learn best by example.
- Do not question publicly the judgment of match officials and never their honesty.
- Recognise the value and importance of volunteer coaches and administrators - they give their time, energy and resources to provide recreational activities for your child.
- Insist on fair and disciplined play - do not tolerate foul play, cheating, foul, sexist or racist language.
- As a spectator you must never enter the field of play.

SPECTATORS

- Remember the players are taking part for their enjoyment not yours. They are not professional or international gladiators.
- All spectators, on no account, must enter the field of play unless authorised otherwise.
- Be on your best behaviour.
- Do not use foul, sexist or racist language or harass players, coaches or match officials.
- Verbal abuse of players, coaches or match officials is not acceptable in any shape or form.
- Show respect for opponents and match officials, without them there would be no game.
- Acknowledge good performance and fair play by opponents as well as by your own team.
- Condemn the use of violence in all forms.
- Do not ridicule players who make mistakes.
- Do not overemphasise the importance of winning.

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS ARLFC HARASSMENT-FREE ENVIRONMENT

Every member of the Newton-Le-Willows ARLFC has the right to participate in an environment free from harassment. Newton-Le-Willows ARLFC does not tolerate harassment in connection with any of its internal or external business, sport or related activities. All members are expected to conduct themselves accordingly. Harassment is defined as any behaviour fitting one or more of the following criteria:

Personal Harassment: Behaviour, including communication, conduct or gesture, which:

- (a) Is insulting, intimidating, humiliating, hurtful, malicious, degrading, or otherwise offensive to an individual or group of individuals; and
- (b) Is considered by a reasonable person to create an intimidating, humiliating or uncomfortable environment.

MEMBER COMPLAINTS AND ADJUDICATION

The Newton-Le-Willows ARLFC Disciplinary Committee has established procedures for members to register a complaint and to adjudicate issues related to the code of conduct. If you believe that you have a valid complaint, or feel that you should intervene on behalf of another individual; please contact a member of the disciplinary committee, who will initiate the process. Newton-Le-Willows ARLFC reserve the right to take whatever action is needed, up to and including disciplinary or dismissal action, to prevent and correct behaviour that violates the organisation's code of conduct expected of its participants. The disciplinary committee will handle complaints with privacy, courtesy, and without animosity.

DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

Hon Club Chairman, Hon Club Secretary, Club Welfare Officer and Your Team Manager/Coach