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HAWAII YOUTH RUGBY

PLAYERS / PARENTS - CODE OF CONDUCT

DATE OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: _____

The Hawaii Youth Rugby (HYR) organisation exists to provide the young people of Hawaii the opportunity to learn and participate in the game of rugby in a safe and fun environment.

All participants in the playing and coaching of the game, all parents and guardians and others involved in the running of their Club are expected to show care and consideration and respect for the rules of HYR and the game of Rugby at all times.

HYR is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of its players. HYR believes that it is important that players, coaches, administrators and parents associated with any club should at all time show respect, should be encouraged to be open at all times, and to share any concerns they might have about any aspect of HYR.

Players, Coaches and Parents are required to agree to abide by the following code of conduct:

Code of Conduct for Players

- **HYR has a zero-tolerance policy in relation to the use or suspected use of controlled substances (alcohol, ALL drugs, cigarettes for minors etc.) Knowledge of a team-mate using controlled substances and not reporting will be treated in the same manner as for the user.**
- Pay attention and participate fully in all activities.
- Be punctual for training and matches.
- Play for the fun of it, not just to please your parents or coach.
- Play by the laws of the game.
- Remember that the goals of the game are to have fun, improve your skills and feel good. Don't be a show off.
- Respect referees and other officials and their decisions - NEVER argue with the referee.
- Respect your opponents and your teammates at all times.
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good play, whether by your own team or your opponents.
- Control your temper - play disciplined rugby. Obscene or profane language is not acceptable at any time, during practice or during games.
- Treat all players, as you would like to be treated. Don't interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of any players. Fighting will not be tolerated.
- Cooperate with coaches, teammates, opponents and referees; without them you don't have a game.
- Behave appropriately as a representative of Hawaii Youth Rugby on and off the pitch.

Print Name _____

Player Signature _____

Code of Conduct for Parents/Guardians

- Stay off the pitch
- Do not abuse players or referees. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children's sport.
- Turn defeat into victory by helping your child to work towards skill improvement and good sportsmanship. Never ridicule or yell at your child for making a mistake or losing a game. Do not force an unwilling child to participate in sport.
- Teach your child that honest effort is as important as victory so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
- Remember that children learn best by example. Applaud good play by your team and by members of the opposing team.
- Encourage your child to play by the rules and improve their skills by practice.
- Discourage unfair play and arguing with officials.
- Do not publicly question the referee's judgement and never their honesty. If you do you will be asked to leave the 'field of play'.
- Remember that players play rugby for their own enjoyment, not that of their parents. Support the player's involvement, help them enjoy the game.
- Keep the team coach informed of your child's availability.
- Take an active part in your Club's activities.
- Recognise the value and importance of volunteer coaches, team and union officials. They give up their time and resources to provide recreational activities for your child.

Print Name _____

Parent Signature _____