



HAWAII YOUTH RUGBY – CODE OF CONDUCT

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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, other 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.
- Co-operate 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.

Player: Print Name _____ Date: _____

Signature _____

Code of Conduct for Coaches and Team Officials

- All rugby coaches must respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person with whom they work and treat them equally within the context of Rugby Union.
- Place the physical and emotional well being of all young players above all other considerations, including the development of performance.
- Be reasonable in your demands on the players' time, energy and enthusiasm. Remember they have other interests.
- Ensure that all activities undertaken are appropriate to the age, maturity, experience and ability of the young players.
- Encourage young players to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance.
- Promote a disciplined sporting attitude showing due respect within their activities.
- Promote the positive aspects of rugby and fair play. Never condone rule violations or rough play.
- Work in partnership with other officials within the game to ensure the wellbeing, safety and enjoyment of all young players.
- Ensure players comply with the HYR rules on smoking, alcohol and drugs.
- Avoid overplaying talented players. "Average" players need and deserve equal time.
- Remember that children play for fun and enjoyment and that winning is only part of it. Never ridicule or yell at the children for making mistakes or losing a game.
- Develop team respect for the ability of the opponents, as well as for the judgement of referees and opposing coaches. Never publicly question a referees judgement or honesty.
- Make sure the team conduct themselves appropriately at the end of a game.

Coach: Print Name _____ Date: _____

Signature _____

Code of Conduct for Parents/Guardians

- Stay off the pitch
- Do not abuse players or referees.
- 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.
- 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. 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, and help them to enjoy the game.
- Do not force an unwilling child to participate in sport.
- Encourage players to improve their skills by practice.
- Keep the team coach informed of your child's availability.
- Take an active part in your Club's activities.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children's sport.
- Recognise the value and importance of volunteer coaches and team officials. They give up their time and resources to provide recreational activities for your child.

Parent: Print Name _____ Date: _____

Signature _____