

Sheffield Oaks RUFC's Code of Conduct for Spectators

When spectating, either at a home or away fixture, members of Sheffield Oaks RUFC are required to:

- Respect the boundaries of the playing area and do not encroach this. Also please do not leave any litter along the pitch following completion of any fixture.
- Respect the guidance from the Club with regard to spectator behaviour.
- Respect match officials' decisions, even if they appear to have made a mistake – remember, they are volunteers providing an opportunity for players to play rugby. Never verbally abuse players, coaches, match officials or fellow spectators: such behaviour can create a negative environment for players and their behaviour will often reflect this.
- Encourage all players irrespective of their ability - never ridicule any individual players, regardless of the team in which they play. Condemn bad language, rude behaviour and violence.
- Alcohol should only be consumed within designated spectator areas.

Sheffield Oaks RUFC's Code of Conduct for Players

The Sheffield Oaks RUFC player's code of conduct is based on the core values from the RFU: Teamwork • Respect • Enjoyment Discipline • Sportsmanship

All playing members of Sheffield Oaks RUFC are therefore required to:

- Recognise and appreciate the efforts made by coaches, match officials and the committee to provide you the opportunity to play the game and enjoy the rugby environment.
- Care for and respect the facilities and equipment made available to you.
- Respect your teammates and coaches by being punctual for training and matches, and communicating where applicable availability with the coaches or captains.
- Take responsibility for the creation of an enjoyable and successful environment.
- Display consistently high standards of behaviour and appearance (dress code post match is shirt, trousers (not jeans) and club tie).
- Honour the spirit and promote the positive aspects of Rugby Union such as fair play, good sportsmanship and the recognition of good play by team mates and opponents.
- Play to the IRB Laws of the Game and accept, without question, all referees' decisions even if they appear to make a mistake. Let your captain or coach ask any relevant questions.
- Play with control. Do not lose your temper. Do not use foul language. Respect your opponent. Treat all players as you would like to be treated.
- In addition, all players are reminded that: Winning and losing is part of sport: Win with humility – lose with dignity.
- Players should, at all times, act appropriately when representing Sheffield Oaks RUFC both on the pitch and while attending any social event representing the club. Inappropriate behaviour will only serve to jeopardise the hard work put in by our members in order to maintain a positive public image of the club and, as a

consequence, put at risk mutually beneficial agreements which have been put in place between the club and outside parties.

Sheffield Oaks RUFC's Code of Conduct for the Coaches

Any person who fulfils a coaching role at Sheffield Oaks RUFC is required to:

- Respect all referees and the decisions they make (remember it could be you refereeing next week) and ensure that the players recognise that they must do the same.
- Recognise the importance of fun and enjoyment when coaching players. Understand that most learning is achieved through doing.
- Provide positive feedback, where possible, in a constructive and encouraging manner to all players during coaching and games.
- Keep winning and losing in perspective - encourage players to behave with dignity in all circumstances.
- Ensure that players are coached in a safe environment.
- Never allow a player to take part in inappropriate training or play when injured.
- Ensure that their knowledge and coaching strategies are up to date and in line with RFU philosophy – please contact the Committee if it is believed that your coaching ability should be augmented by, e.g., undertaking an additional coaching qualification.

Sheffield Oaks RUFC Charter and Code of Conduct

As a Club, we acknowledge that we shall use our best endeavours to conduct ourselves at all levels and at all times in a disciplined manner, observing fair play according to the Laws of the Game and a sporting spirit.

To maintain the ethos of the game this shall include but not be limited by the following:

- A fair and equitable treatment for all our rugby members which shall extend to all members of our opponent clubs.
- A fostering of excellence in our style of play, club relationships and integration into the local community
- To arrange to play both home and away fixtures in equivalent proportions
- By honouring all our fixtures, which may entail using our good relations with neighbouring clubs to arrange to pooling of players for non-league fixtures without enticement to leave their existing clubs.
- In the eventuality of not being able to raise a full side even with the pooled players, to communicate with our opponents in good time and agree to play the game by sharing the available players.
- By ensuring that all our club members and associated spectators respect the roles of the officials appointed to the game. To be intolerant of any abuse or physical harm to the officials or their property.
- To extend to them a welcome to our club and an encouragement to be involved in the after match companionship in our game.
- To set an example to players be refraining from dissent of decisions by the game officials and the use of language of a profane obscene or expletive nature.
- To communicate with the Member Clubs and the Management Committees of the Union in a prompt and efficient manner to ensure the effective and timely management of the organisation of Sheffield Oaks RUFC within the South Yorkshire Rugby Football Union.