



# Bulletjie rugby – Code of Conduct

The Code of Conduct is prepared to remind administrators, coaches, parents and spectators of the fact that Bulletjie Rugby needs to be administered, organised and presented as a game to benefit young children who wish to play the game.

## **Code of Conduct for spectators:**

Please remember that the players are participating in organised sport. They are not miniature Springboks. Behave yourself in an exemplary fashion and with dignity. Do not curse or use foul language to insult coaches or referees. No aggressive behaviour will be allowed. Recognise good play by your own team, as well as the other team. Show respect for your team opponents. Disapprove of violence on the field of play at all times.

## **Code of Conduct for players:**

Play to enjoy the game, not to keep your parents or the coach happy. Play according to the rules of the game. Never, ever question the referee's decision. Give the captain or coach the opportunity to ask questions. Control yourself and do not lose your temper. Be a good sportsman. Give credit for good playing skills and recognise good playing skills. This applies to your own team as well as the opposition. Treat all other players in exactly the same way you would like to be treated. Do not treat other players unfairly and do not bully or mock them. Remember the game is aimed at: enjoyment, developing skills and feeling good about what you do.

## **Code of Conduct for parents:**

Do not force your child to play Bulletjie Rugby, remember that the child must enjoy the game. Encourage your child to play according to the rules of the game. Teach your child that doing your best is just as important as winning; help them to accept the results of the game without disappointment. Show your child that losing a game may be just as important because it gives you the opportunity to improve and teaches you good sportsmanship. Never humiliate a player by shouting at him if he makes a mistake or lose a game. Children learn by example! Never question the referee's judgement or integrity in public. These people give their valuable time and effort to teach the players. Support all efforts to keep undue verbal and physical violence from Bulletjie Rugby. Acknowledge the value and importance of volunteer coaches and referees. They give their time and apply their expertise to teach the players and mould them for the future. Acknowledge a good game played by players, irrespective of the game being won or lost.

## **Code of Conduct for coaches:**

A player must respect his coach. Offer sincere encouragement when the child deserves it and set a good example. Coaches may never shout, touch or hit a player (e.g. removing them physically from an off-side position during matches). Set reasonable standards, bearing in mind the child's available time, energy and enthusiasm. Children

also have other interests and have to set time aside for other activities. Teach your players that the rules of the game apply to all players and that the rules may not be bent or broken. Give all the players a fair chance to play for the team. Average and weak players have the same need to participate and deserve the same opportunities. Children play for the fun of the game. Never humiliate a player by shouting at him or making remarks when he makes mistakes or if a match has been lost. Assist your team to develop respect for the qualities of opponents and the judgement of referees and coaches of other teams. Follow doctor's orders when you have to decide about the inclusion of a player after recovering from injuries.