

WITNEY RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

Code of Conduct for Spectators

At Witney RFC Spectators are expected:

- To act as positive role models to all players
- To be familiar with, and abide by, the RFU Child Protection Guidelines in relation to verbal and emotional abuse
- To respect guidance from the Club with regard to spectator behaviour
- To remember children play sport for their own enjoyment, not for that of spectators
- To acknowledge good individual and team performances from all players irrespective of the team in which they play
- To respect match officials' decisions, even if they appear to be a mistake – remember, they are volunteers providing an opportunity for players to play rugby
- Never to 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
- To acknowledge effort and good performance rather than 'to win at all cost'
- To verbally encourage all players in a positive manner, shouting 'for' not 'at' the players
- **To use correct and proper language at all times**
- To encourage all players irrespective of their ability – never ridicule any individual player, regardless of the team in which they play

Please note that Witney RFC has a disciplinary procedure, which will be used in the event of non-compliance by any member.