



**ROSSLYN PARK  
COACHES, PARENTS and PLAYERS  
CODE OF CONDUCT  
A MIDDLESEX RFU INITIATIVE**



**BEFORE A GAME:**

- Preparation and warm ups should set the standard of behaviour we expect to see in the game. Emphasise the importance of fun and enjoyment for the players.
- Coaches should be a positive role model, and provide positive verbal feedback in a constructive and encouraging manner to all players, both during coaching sessions and matches.
- The coach should greet and shake hands with his opposite number and the referee before the game starts.

**DURING THE GAME:**

- Respect all referees and the decisions they make and ensure that the players recognise that they must do the same. This should be remembered even if the referee appears to make a mistake, (it could be you refereeing next week)
- Coaches should be seen to applaud good play by both teams.
- Coaches are to encourage Parents and supporters of their team to applaud good play or an injured player leaving the field, and not to criticise the referee's decisions under any circumstances.

**AT THE END OF THE GAME:**

- Keep winning and losing in perspective – encourage players to behave with dignity in all circumstances, win or lose - particularly in close or drawn games.
- The winning coach should be the first to thank and shake hands with their opposite number and the referee. All players should follow suit.
- If awards are made coaches and players should applaud all opposition teams.