

# MERIVALE PAPANUI RFC & PAPANUI HIGH SCHOOL

## RUGBY CHARTER 2016

As players, parents, supporters, coaches and administrators at this club, we acknowledge that we have read, understood and will abide by this charter and code of behaviour.

On behalf of the above \_\_\_\_\_ (Merivale Papanui RFC)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Papanui High School)

It is important that all students remember that they are representing what Papanui High School stands for when they play their rugby. They must show the qualities and values that the community would expect. They should show that they are proud to wear the colours that identify them with the school.

*“The practice of sport is a human right. Every individual must have the possibility of practicing sport, without discrimination of any kind and in the Olympic spirit, which requires mutual understanding with a spirit of friendship, solidarity and fair play” – Olympic Charter*

## CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PLAYERS

As a representative of a Merivale/Papanui (High School) team, all must agree to the following:

- I will co-operate with my Coach, Manager and team mates.
- I will attend all practices and games on time. If I cannot make a practice or game or I will be late, I will inform my Manager or Coach at least 2 hours before the practice or game is scheduled to begin.
- I will abide with all school rules when representing my club/school including not smoking, abusing alcohol or using any other illegal substances.
- I will always play by the rules of the game.
- I will always respect sporting officials. If I disagree with a decision, I will inform the captain, Coach or Manager during a break or after the match.
- I will aim to always control my temper. I understand that verbal abuse of officials or other players or deliberately distracting and provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted behaviour in any sport. This includes, but is not limited to, moaning, swearing, spitting or any action that brings either myself, MPRFC or PHS into disrepute.
- I will be a good sport and applaud all good plays, whether they are made by my team or the opposition.
- I will treat all players in my team and sport as I would like to be treated. Bullying within the team is unacceptable.
- I will display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.
- I will respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their ability, gender, cultural background or religion.
- I will thank the opposition and officials at the end of the game.
- I know that I must pay my subscriptions before the first game of the season.

Coaches/Managers will initially refer issues of inappropriate behaviour to the Merivale Papanui RFC school liaison who in turn will inform the school delegate. The school will act, where necessary, to discipline students. This may include stand down or exclusion from the team. For non-school players, school rules apply at all times.

All players are subject to the NZRU judiciary system for on-field discretions. In the event of a referee issuing a red card to a player this season, a meeting with Tim Kirby (Deputy Principal) will be scheduled.

### **CODE OF CONDUCT – FOR PARENTS AND SUPPORTERS OF THE CLUB/SCHOOL**

All supporters should consider the following:

- Sport is about having a positive attitude. You can assist in setting a positive tone and help to make sport an enjoyable experience.
- Encourage your son/daughter and other players in their teams in their efforts in the sporting arena.
- Insist that your son/daughter plays within the rules of the game and by the principles of fair play, irrespective of the manner in which the opposition may play the game.
- Being part of a team is a commitment; assist your son/daughter to live up to their commitments. Do not accept them letting team mates and coaches down.
- Ensure your son/daughter attends all practices and is well turned out in the correct playing uniform for games.
- Watch your son/daughter play, whenever possible.
- Make an effort to understand the game and its rules.
- Display self-control on the sideline. Do not shout or ridicule any officials or players on either team.
- Respect their efforts, regardless of whether they win, lose or draw.
- Show respect for the coach and management of their team. They have a difficult job and do not need interference or negative comments from observers.
- Show appreciation for the people who make it possible for you son/daughter to play sport. They are invariably volunteers and are involved because they enjoy the game.
- Selecting, managing, coaching teams means that some hard decisions have to be made and these may not be approved by everyone. However, these decisions must be supported.

If you have an issue with a decision made by a match official, please speak with the school's representative (Sports Director, Sports Administrator or Teacher in Charge) after the game.

Please note that any spectator reported by a match referee/umpire to have entered the field of play uninvited at any fixture will likely face disciplinary action including sanctions such as stripping of match points of the team the spectator is supporting and/or possible exclusion from CCC and CRFU grounds and facilities.