



Code of Conduct for Adult Players

Introduction

Players are the most important people in rugby league.

Playing for the team, and for the team to win, is the most fundamental part of the game. But not winning at any cost - fair play and respect for everyone else in the game is just as important.

Whether you're in the team from the start or on the bench, your role as a player is crucial to the success of the game.

As a Wigan St. Patricks player, you will be expected to work with your coaches and your captain on match day to allow the referee to manage the game without being subject to poor conduct or a poor attitude from players. Working in this way with your coach and captain and each referee that takes charge of your games during the season, will mean that you can play a major role in helping to maintain and improve the high standards in the game that rugby league is rightly proud of.

You will also be expected to safeguard your health by avoiding any involvement with performance enhancing or social substances. The use of such substances is unlawful in rugby league and Wigan St. Patricks ARLFC supports and has adopted the RFL's Anti-Doping Policy to promote drug free rugby league. In doing so, the Club has acknowledged its responsibility to be proactive in enforcing the RFL Policy and will report any concerns to the RFL whenever these arise.

Wigan St. Patricks ARLFC expects you to play your part in setting and maintaining these standards by reading, agreeing and signing up to the following Code of Conduct regarding your conduct and responsibilities as a player.

The Code of Conduct

We all have a responsibility to promote the highest standards of behaviour in the game.

As a player, you have a big part to play. That is why Wigan St. Patricks ARLFC and the Rugby Football League expect you to follow the RFL's "Respect" Code of Conduct at all times and in everything you do when playing rugby league and for you to agree that:

When playing rugby league I will:

- Display and promote fair play and high standards of conduct
- Honour both the spirit and the letter of the competition rules and live up to the highest ideals and ethics of sportsmanship
- Treat everyone within the game with respect and as I would wish to be treated myself
- Be a good sport. Respect all good play, whether from my own team or the opposition, and shake hands with and thank the opposition and match officials at the end of the game, whatever the result
- Avoid gamesmanship of any kind and respect the image, standards and traditions of the game
- Never engage in disrespectful conduct of any type, including offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour, obscene gestures, offensive remarks, taunting, or other actions that may demean other players, coaches, officials or spectators
- Make every effort to act consistently with fair play and with the laws of the game and never become involved in foul play
- Always respect the match officials' decisions and never engage in public criticism of the match officials
- Remember that we all make mistakes occasionally, whether as a player, coach or match official
- Recognise that many club officials, coaches and match officials are volunteers who give up their own time freely to promote the game and to

provide their services. I will treat them with the utmost respect and remember that, without them, we would not have a game.

- Never engage in bullying, intimidation or harassment of any kind or towards any person
- Care for and respect the facilities and equipment made available to me, both for training purposes and competition
- Take part in the game for my own benefit and enjoyment and make every effort to develop my skills and abilities
- Safeguard my health and not at any time engage in the use of any illegal or unhealthy substances.
- Not bet or otherwise speculate financially, either directly or indirectly, on the outcome or any other aspect of a rugby league game or competition in which I am involved

I understand that if I do not follow this Code, any or all of the following actions could be taken by the Club, the League or the RFL.

I may:

- Be required to apologise to my team-mates, the other team, match officials, coach or team manager
- Receive a formal warning from the coach or the Club Committee
- Be required to attend an RFL education course
- Be dropped or substituted
- Be suspended from training
- Be required to serve a suspension imposed by the League or the RFL
- Be fined by the League or by the RFL
- Be required to leave the Club

In addition:

- The League or RFL could impose a fine and/or suspension against the Club.

Signed:

Name (print):

Team:

Date: