



# Code of Conduct for Young 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 behaviour 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.

Wigan St. Patricks ARLFC expects you to play your part in setting and keeping to these standards of good behaviour by reading, agreeing and signing up to the following Code of Conduct as your promise as a Wigan St. Patricks player.

## **The Code of Conduct for Young Players**

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's why Wigan St. Patricks ARLFC and the Rugby Football League are asking 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 promise that:

### **When playing rugby league I will:**

- Always do my best, even if my team is losing or the other team is stronger
- Always encourage my team mates, even if they make a mistake
- Play fairly and not cheat, complain or waste time
- Never be rude to my team-mates, the other team, the referee, spectators or my coach or team manager
- Do what the referee tells me and do not argue
- Shake hands with the other team and the referee at the end of the game
- Listen to my coach or team manager and respect what he or she says
- Play as a team
- Attend all training sessions whenever possible
- Dress smartly when arriving for matches or whenever I am representing the Club
- Welcome all new players to the team, wherever they are from and whatever their background or ability or whether they have played before
- Never bully another player, whether from my own team or from anywhere else
- Talk to someone I trust, such as my parents or the Club Welfare Officer, if I am unhappy about anything at the Club.

**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 dropped or substituted
- Be suspended from training
- Be required to leave the Club

In addition:

- The Club, the League or the RFL may make my parent or carer aware of any infringements of this Code of Conduct
- The League or RFL could impose a fine and/or suspension against the Club.

Signed: .....

Name (print): .....

Team: .....

Date: .....