



**CU SPARROWS**  
Cambridge University Rugby Fives Club



# CURFC Code of Conduct

## Introduction

Cambridge University Rugby Fives Club is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the well-being of all its members to ensure a positive and enjoyable experience.

All those involved in CURFC activities, whether they are involved as participants, members, committee members or spectators, are required to adhere to the standards of behaviour – set out within this Code of Conduct - and to support the objectives of CURFC. This Code of Conduct has been developed to ensure the highest possible standards of competition and sportsmanship as well as promoting fairness, honesty and positive behaviour in relation to the conduct of all those representing CURFC.

## Our Commitment

CURFC respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person involved in its activities. CURFC is committed to members enjoying Rugby Fives in an environment free from discrimination, intimidation, harassment and abuse. CURFC believes that it is the responsibility of all of its members to challenge discriminatory behaviour and promote equality of opportunity.

## Affiliations

CURFC is governed by its constitution. This Code of Conduct is in addition to, and by no means replaces, the standards set by CURFC, the student's individual college and the overarching University regulations.

## Standards of Behaviour

Members of CURFC are solely responsible for their conduct when playing Rugby Fives in games or matches sponsored by the Club. Members **must** therefore:-

- Respect the rights, dignity and values of others;
- Respect the authority of markers, and abide by any reasonable requests;
- Operate within the rules of the sport;
- Treat facilities, professionals, and other players with respect and abide by any rules that may apply;
- Be aware of how their actions may be perceived by others;
- Maintain high standards of personal behaviour at all times;
- Conduct themselves in a reasonable manner relating to offensive language and temperament
- Refrain from any form of bullying or harassment of others. Harassment is any offensive conduct based on a person's race, sex, gender identity, national origin, colour, disability, age, sexual orientation, marital status, religion or any other status protected by law.
- Respect the decisions of committee members, making all appeals through the appropriate formal process and respecting the final decision;
- Not condone, or allow to go unchallenged, any form of bullying, harassment or discrimination if witnessed;
- Refrain from the use of and involvement with illegal substances at all times.
- Not act in an unlawful manner;

- Not encourage or pressure others into acting against the code;
- Understand the repercussions of any breaches of this Code of Conduct.

### **Anti-Doping**

Members of the Club must adhere to the requirements of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) code. Please note that members could potentially be subject to random testing during competitions, particularly those competing at National Level and above. Players caught with banned substances in their system will be subject to disciplinary proceedings

### **Publications, Internet and Social Media**

CURFC wishes to promote the club positively both within the University and externally. It recognises that its publications, online, print and social media are important tools in recruiting new members and engaging with alumni and potential sponsors. It is the responsibility of all CURFC members to manage their personal social media presence responsibly. As such, all members are responsible for ensuring that they:-

- Refrain from publishing comments about other clubs, players or officials and any controversial or potentially inflammatory subjects.
- Avoid hostile or harassing communications in any posts or other online communications.
- Identify all copyrighted or borrowed material with citations and links. When publishing direct paraphrased quotes, thoughts, ideas, photos or videos, give credit to the original publisher or author.
- Review responses to online posts and resolve any concerns before they are posted.

### **Social Events**

Social functions form an important part of a club's activities. CURFC is committed to ensuring that all members are able and encouraged to participate in student activities in an atmosphere free from discrimination or fear. Members should be aware that:-

- Participation in any form of initiation or social activity is completely optional.
- They must not force others to participate in initiations and/or other social and sporting events run by the CURFC and can opt-out without fear of undue pressure, reprisal or any other form of discrimination at any point.

### **Breaches of the Code of Conduct**

Should a serious breach of the Code of Conduct be identified, the club Committee may suspend a member from CURFC and Club activities pending further investigation.

In the event of an expulsion, the excluded member is required to return all equipment, documents and finances belonging to the Club within 7 days. He/she will not be entitled to any full or partial refund of annual subscriptions.

### **Welfare**

Any member of the Club that has any concerns regarding their own welfare or those of others involved in club activities can discuss these, in confidence, with one of the Sports Services Welfare Officers.