



East Dorset Dockers RFC – Code of Conduct

At East Dorset Dockers RFC, we pride ourselves on being a club that welcomes everyone and promotes the core values of **respect, integrity, teamwork, enjoyment, and discipline**- both on and off the pitch.

This Code of Conduct applies to **players, members, and supporters**, and aims to ensure that we maintain a positive and inclusive environment for all involved in our great game.

1. General Principles

- Treat everyone with **respect and dignity**- regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, ability, background, or beliefs.
 - Uphold the reputation of East Dorset Dockers RFC in everything you do.
 - Promote a safe, inclusive, and enjoyable environment.
 - Abide by the rules, spirit, and values of rugby league and the governing bodies.
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2. Players

As a player of East Dorset Dockers RFC, you are expected to:

- Play within the **laws of the game** and adhere to the spirit of fair play.
- Respect the decisions of **coaches, referees, and officials**-even when you disagree.
- Support your teammates and opponents through positive actions and communication.

- Attend training and matches regularly and notify coaches of any absences in advance.
 - Take responsibility for your own behaviour, fitness, and conduct on and off the field.
 - Avoid abusive, discriminatory, or aggressive language or behaviour-towards anyone.
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3. Members (including Committee & Volunteers)

As a member or volunteer of the club, you will:

- Support the running and governance of the club in a transparent and fair manner.
 - Be welcoming and supportive of new players, members, and visiting teams.
 - Act with integrity in all club matters, including finances, safeguarding, and discipline.
 - Help uphold the club's values in all activities and communications.
 - Report any concerns or breaches of conduct to the relevant safeguarding or club officer.
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4. Supporters & Spectators

As a supporter of East Dorset Dockers RFC, we ask that you:

- Encourage all players-regardless of team-with **positive support**.
 - Never engage in or tolerate **abuse, threatening behaviour, or discrimination**.
 - Respect match officials, coaches, and decisions without interference.
 - Keep the touchline safe and clear for players, officials, and medical staff.
 - Represent the Dockers with pride and contribute to a welcoming matchday atmosphere.
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5. Breaches of Conduct

- Any behaviour that goes against this Code will be taken seriously.
 - The Club Committee reserves the right to take appropriate disciplinary action, which may include warnings, suspensions, or removal from the club.
 - Serious matters, especially those involving safeguarding, abuse, or discrimination, may be referred to the Rugby Football League (RFL) or relevant authorities.
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6. Safeguarding & Welfare

- The welfare of all players-especially children and vulnerable adults-is paramount.
 - All concerns will be handled sensitively and in line with the club's **Safeguarding Policy**.
 - All adults working with young people must have appropriate DBS checks and follow safeguarding training.
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7. Living the Docker Values

We are more than a rugby club-we are a community. Every individual has a role in shaping our culture and legacy. Whether you wear the kit, carry a flag, or stand on the sideline with a pint-we are all Dockers.

Let's play hard, support each other, and grow the game we love the right way.

Approved by: East Dorset Dockers RFC Committee

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