

Supporting player and community wellbeing

Code of Conduct



Rugby – more than a game

Wairarapa Bush Rugby Union is working to promote greater player and community wellbeing. The Code of Conduct supports this work by outlining our expectations for everyone involved in the sport.

Our code includes:

- fostering a team environment where players, coaches and managers support each other
- recognising players for their efforts (not just the results)
- acknowledging sportsmanship and fair play
- applauding the performance of both teams
- promoting responsible sideline behaviour by encouraging overly vocal spectators to be positive with their comments
- respecting and positively supporting the referee and coaches of both teams
- reminding parents and spectators that their behaviour sets an example for younger players and supporters
- following guidelines for stand-downs for concussion and other injuries, and supporting players' return to the game
- providing supervision at home grounds and a roped off area 5 metres clear of the touchlines for player safety.

Supporting our players on and off the field

- We encourage everyone involved in rugby to 'watch out for your mates' both on and off the field.
- This includes looking after each other at after match functions and on nights out, so everyone has a fun and safe time.
- It also means checking in on friends and family to ask "Are you okay?" and supporting them to reach out for help if needed.
- We encourage clubs to provide family-friendly environments in their clubrooms, to be responsible hosts, and to look out for the wellbeing of their players and members.



Red flag behaviour

- Verbal abuse and foul language, including racial slurs, is totally unacceptable.
- Threatening and intimidating behaviour is not acceptable on the field, on the sidelines or in clubrooms.
- Alcohol is not permitted in the playing enclosure at games.

When issues happen

- To support safety, wellbeing and fair play, we have a disciplinary process in place to address issues when they occur.
- This usually includes initial discussions to highlight and manage the issue, followed by more formal actions, including disciplinary hearings.
- For more information visit: www.waibush.co.nz

WATCH OUT
FOR YOUR
MATES



What about you?

Wairarapa Bush is actively involved in the What about you? campaign alongside a range of other local organisations.

What about you? is a community campaign that promotes low-risk drinking, low drug use and mental wellbeing in Wairarapa.

To find out how you could be involved visit www.whataboutu.co.nz or follow the campaign on Facebook and Instagram.

More information

You can find out more about our Code of Conduct and player wellbeing activities by contacting:

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