



The Good Spectator's Code

Rugby players (Minis, Juniors & Seniors) are impressionable and their behavior will often reflect that of supporters around them. At Leighton Buzzard RFC we welcome spectators on our touchlines who embrace the ethos of the game as one of fun, enjoyment and individual & team development.

- At Leighton Buzzard RFC spectators are encouraged to:
- Act as positive role models to all players
- Be familiar with, and abide by, the RFU Codes of Conduct in relation to verbal and emotional abuse
- Respect our policy with regard to spectator behavior

At Leighton Buzzard RFC spectators should:

- Remember that players play sport for their enjoyment not yours
- Acknowledge good individual and team performance from all players irrespective of which team they play for
- Respect match official's decisions. Remember, they are volunteers providing an opportunity for youngsters to play rugby
- Never verbally abuse players, match officials, fellow spectators or coaches. Such behavior can create a negative environment for players and their behavior will often reflect this
- Acknowledge effort and good performance rather than the "win at all costs" ethic
- Verbally encourage all players in a positive way. If you do want to shout make sure it is 'for', not 'at', the players
- Condemn bad language, rude behavior and violence
- Encourage all players irrespective of their ability – never ridicule any individual player, regardless of the team they play for
- Remember - It's only a game!