



Parents-Carers Code of Practice

Rounders England fully appreciates and understands the importance of the support that parents, carers and spectators have upon the performance and confidence of young people and therefore it would be appreciated if all parents/carers could endeavour to meet these following behavioural requirements when at an event, including games, training and recreational sessions. It is understood that there will be consequences for those who behave in an unacceptable manner; please refer to the end of document. Please also ensure that as a parent or carer, if you have any concerns you contact your team/club welfare officer or coach whose details should be made readily available by the team or club.

Parents are expected to:

- Support your child/young person and show an interest in them
- Never place the young person under pressure or push them into activities they do not want to do, respect their own choices and decisions
- Applaud and reward both effort and success in your child's performance
- Complete the required consent forms
- Deliver and collect the child punctually to and from coaching sessions/matches. Please inform the coach if there will be another adult collecting your child from the session to ensure their safety
- Inform the coach or organiser prior to departure from the field of play if child is to be collected early from a rounder's session
- Encourage your child to play by the rules, promote fair play and teach them that they can only do their best
- Behave responsibly on the sidelines, do not embarrass your child or make abusing or offending comments about the coaching or organisation of the session, opposition other players or parents
- Always treat your child or any other child with dignity and respect
- Never confuse your child by instructing them from the sidelines and allow the coach/organiser to remain in control during games
- Be realistic and supportive
- Ensure your child's hygiene and nutritional needs are met
- Ensure that both your child and yourself are familiar with the social media guidance policy
- Ensure your child is properly and adequately dressed giving consideration to the weather conditions
- Ensure that proper footwear is worn at ALL times in accordance with the Official Rounders Rules.
- Detail any health concerns on the Health Declaration Form. Any changes in the state of your child's health should be reported to the coach or organiser prior to Rounders sessions.
- Show appreciation and support for the coach or organiser
- Accept and respect the official's judgment
- Acknowledge the importance and role of the club coaches / organisers who provide their time to ensure children's participation in Rounders
- Promote your child's participation in playing Rounders for **fun**

Parents/Carers have the right to:

- Know your child is safe
- Be informed of problems or concerns relating to your child
- Be informed if your child is injured
- Have your consent for items such as trips
- Raise concerns in an appropriate way
- Access the Rounders England complaints process

This code is in place to ensure the safety of both the individual signing up to the code and anyone they come in to contact with. If at any time you have any concerns regarding the safety of any individual, in particular children and young people you should contact your Welfare Officer whose details can be accessed via the club notice board or website. Alternatively you can contact the Lead Safeguarding Officer at Rounders England, whose details are available at www.roundersengland.co.uk

Any misdemeanours and breach of this code of practice will be dealt with immediately by the club/team coach/organiser or umpire. Persistent concerns or breaches will result in the parent/guardian being asked not to attend training and games if their attendance is deemed to be detrimental to the child's welfare.

If parent or guardians persistently cause disruption your child may be asked to leave the club/team/session. Where deemed appropriate advice should be taken from the Welfare Officer and/or the Rounders England Lead Safeguarding Officer and If there are persistent concerns or breaches your child may be asked to leave the club/team session.

I confirm I have read the above Code of Practice and agree to abide by its content			
Parent/Guardian Name (Capitals):			
Signed:		Dated:	

