**SPORTING ETHOS**

Can you inform parents and staff that the competition is primarily to develop keen and enthusiastic rugby (and sport in general) participants of the future.

Players are learning and so too the Young Officials, they need our support and guidance. This is the first step on the rugby ladder for everyone.

**A BIT OF CLARITY**

* There are **8 players**in a team (there must be 2 boys + 2 girls + 4 boys or girls) Rolling subs but notify the Ref
* 2 hands on the ball when running
* After the 6th tackle the ball goes to the opposition (**May** be used. Clarify on the day)
* All penalties have to be passed (no tap and go)
* Defenders go back 7metres
* Tags visible on hips
* No spinning to avoid tackle
* No protecting of tags with hand or ball
* When tagging the defender holds the tag above their head and shouts TAG then gives the tag back back
* A defender cannot snatch the ball.
* The tagged attacker must pass the ball within 3 steps when running at speed (Referees discretion)
* Attacker has 3 seconds to release the ball
* The referee will allow a maximum of one step while in the act of scoring to award the try.
* Players may not wilfully fall or dive to the ground in the act of scoring a try.
* When tagged both sets of players must get behind the ball before re-engaging

Regardless of result, it is important to stress that players should shake one another’s hands and that of the referee’s to up hold the ethos of Rugby Union.