The Rugby Washington Player Code of Conduct is one of the ways we put rugby’s values into practice. Our commitment to the highest standards helps us recruit great people, build quality teams and clubs, and create positive influences in our community. Respect for our members, our community, and our game is foundational for our success. Each of us has a personal responsibility to incorporate, and to encourage other members to incorporate, the principles of the Code of Conduct and values onto the field. This code establishes the basic contract for all players within Rugby Washington and/or engaging in rugby activities.

As a player participating in the Rugby Washington organization, I understand and accept the below responsibilities:

1. Players must register through SportLoMo under a Rugby Washington club/team and complete the appropriate fields required by USA Rugby, USA Youth and High School Rugby, and Rugby Washington.

2. If 18 years or older, a player must complete the SafeSport module required by USA Rugby and successfully present or file their certificate.

3. Rugby Washington has a zero tolerance policy for bullying or harassment of any nature whether in-person or virtually. Racist, sexist, homophobic, bigoted comments, obscene language or anything perceived as hateful will be grounds for disciplinary actions.

4. Fighting (verbal and physical) on the pitch or sidelines will be grounds for a red card and immediate ejection from the game followed by appropriate disciplinary action and possible suspension from the league for a period of time determined by Rugby Washington.

5. Respect for the referee, coaches, spectators, and other players is expected on and off the field. Respect for the referee is required under World Rugby Law 9 and PNRRS Policies for the players and spectators. Verbal abuse, disrespectful behavior and/or assault either verbal or physical will results in a red card, ejection, and possible suspension.

6. School grades should be a player’s top priority. A player’s academic success should not be hindered because a player is engaging in rugby activities. If a player’s school has specific requirements for grades, these will be recognized by Rugby Washington.

7. Rugby Washington has a zero tolerance policy for use or suspected use of controlled substances such as alcohol, drugs, cigarettes by minors, and/or tolerated use within a team. Engaging in such actions are grounds for disciplinary actions. Knowledge of a teammate using controlled substances and not reporting to proper authorities is considered the same as using. Members who do not report will be subject to similar disciplinary actions.

8. Every player must have and use a mouthpiece during all contact games and practices.

9. Players are to wear the proper uniform to games as determined under World Rugby Law 4, Rugby Washington, and club guidelines.