



## London Irish Supporters Club

# Code of Conduct

London Irish is a very special club. For over a century London Irish Rugby Club has been renowned as a one of the most hospitable clubs in the country. That reputation has been gained, and retained, by the natural respect and hospitality shown towards our visitors and officials.

As the game has evolved in the professional era so too has the number of supporters who have become part of the London Irish family. This code is only advisory but does serve to remind us all of the traditions which we have inherited and which we would want to preserve.

It should also be noted that all clubs within the Premiership and/or affiliated to the RFU are required to comply with the RFU Code of Conduct. Consequently, Clubs have a responsibility for the behaviour of their members, players, coaches and regular supporters. All those who are members of the LISC can assist London Irish in fulfilling that responsibility.

Our members are encouraged to comply with, and remind others where appropriate, of the provisions of the Code of Conduct set out below.

1. Whereas fair comment and amusing banter may enhance the atmosphere of a game, no supporter should abuse, threaten or intimidate a referee, touch judge or other Match Official, whether on or off the field of play.
2. No supporter should use crude or abusive language or gestures towards any players, referees, touch judges or other Match Officials or spectators.
3. Children are welcomed to support London Irish and are the future of the Club. Supporters should be aware of the likelihood of younger supporters around them at games and moderate their behaviour and language accordingly.
4. No supporter should do anything which is likely to intimidate, offend, insult, humiliate or discriminate against any other person on account of their religion, race, colour or national or ethnic origin (this even applies to Harlequins players and supporters).
5. All supporters are encouraged to set an example for sportsmanship. For example - applaud good play by all, remain silent during penalty and conversion kicks by both teams, and applaud all players and officials off the pitch.
6. At away fixtures supporters are requested to comply with the same principles with which they comply at home games. Remember, although we pay an entrance fee, we are both guests of the opposing club and representatives of London Irish.



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7. Supporters are requested to allow the players and coaching staff their privacy. This applies particularly to away games where supporters may find themselves on the same flight or in the same hotel as the team. You will find that the players and staff are far more approachable after the game than before when they are concentrating on their task.

Above all, we are all there to enjoy ourselves, support our team win lose or draw, enjoy each others' company and that of the opposing team's supporters. As stated above the Four Provinces Bar at the London Irish Sunbury HQ: **"There are no strangers, only friends who have not yet met"**.