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Wales Rugby League Ethics Policy

Introduction

Wales Rugby League is committed to promoting the highest standards of ethics and integrity within the sport. This policy outlines the ethical principles and guidelines that all players, coaches, staff, and stakeholders are expected to adhere to.

Core Principles

1. Fairness and Integrity

- All participants must compete fairly and honestly, adhering to the rules and spirit of the game.
- Any form of cheating, including doping, match-fixing, or manipulation of results, is strictly prohibited.

2. Respect and Dignity

- Treat all individuals with respect, regardless of their role, background, or identity.
- Discrimination, harassment, or bullying of any kind will not be tolerated.

3. Transparency and Accountability

- Maintain transparency in all operations and decision-making processes.
- Hold individuals accountable for their actions and decisions.

4. Player Welfare

- Prioritize the health, safety, and well-being of all players.
- Provide support for mental health and ensure a safe environment for training and competition.

5. Community Engagement

- Foster positive relationships with the community and promote the values of rugby league.
- Encourage participation and inclusivity at all levels of the sport.



Code of Conduct

1. Players

- Compete with integrity and respect for opponents, officials, and fans.
- Abide by anti-doping regulations and maintain a healthy lifestyle.

2. Coaches and Staff

- Lead by example, demonstrating ethical behaviour and professionalism.
- Support the development and well-being of players.

3. Officials

- Officiate matches impartially and fairly.
- Ensure the rules of the game are upheld consistently.

4. Fans and Spectators

- Support teams positively and respectfully.
- Refrain from abusive or discriminatory behaviour.

Reporting and Enforcement

- Any breaches of this policy should be reported to the designated ethics officer.
- Violations will be investigated promptly and fairly, with appropriate disciplinary actions taken.

Review and Updates

- This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure it remains relevant and effective.
- Updates will be communicated to all stakeholders.