

The RFL Mission

The RFL values the contribution that sport can make to health, self-development, social development and national pride when fostered within a strong ethical environment. The RFL identifies integrity, fairness, equity and respect as values essential to meaningful success in sport. Of paramount importance to sport being enjoyed by all is the conduct of participants and consequently the manner in which sport is played. The RFL commits to playing its part in ensuring that the highest standards possible are set in terms of both fairness and clean sport.

The basic principle of the RFL's education and training programme for anti-doping shall be to protect the spirit of the sport from being undermined by doping and to establish an environment which promotes and reinforces doping-free behaviours among all of the sport's participants and support staff. The RFL is committed to communicating and implementing the policies, procedures and messaging developed and communicated by both the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) and UK Anti-Doping (UKAD) to all its members, players, support staff and administrators to ensure both consistency and accuracy with the required regulations.

The RFL acknowledges that whilst a comprehensive testing programme plays a fundamental role as a deterrent and preventative measure against doping, the RFL has a duty to provide players, support personnel and parents and carers with the appropriate information, educational tools, resources and technical advice required in order for informed and responsible choices to be made, in addition to stringent compliance with the relevant anti-doping regulations. The ultimate aim being to protect and uphold the sport of Rugby League in the UK.