



Winchester Rugby Football Club
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Winchester Mini Rugby Festival

Sunday 5th February 2012

Welcome to the Winchester Festival 2012. We have finalised details of the tournament and have pleasure in sending you an information pack. We wish all our guests an enjoyable visit to Winchester for what promises to be a great day out for the whole family.

Please note: This season Hampshire clubs are implementing experimental variations in the laws at U7 to U10's, which need to be communicated to these age groups immediately. Full details of the new laws can be found on our website http://www.winchesterrugby.com/?page_id=1088

Under 7's- each club can bring 12 players to play as 2 squads of 6, (4 on the pitch at any one time). The results of the 2 sides would be added together for a combined club score / set of results. The knock out part of the competition will then be played by the combined squad with the top two sides in the cup and plate finals.

To ensure the day runs as smoothly as possible we ask you to study the information below and ensure that everyone from your club is aware of the relevant details. If you have any questions in advance of the festival please email sarah.layzell@hotmail.co.uk

Parking

There will be no parking available at Winchester RFC on the day so please use one of the car parks marked on the attached map and allow adequate time to walk to the ground. All marked car parks are free on Sundays. For directions on how to reach the club please see our website http://www.winchesterrugby.com/?page_id=128

Registration

A registration form is attached. This must be completed and presented to the registration desk at Central Control which will be open from 08.30am. Please ensure that all RFU registration cards are available on the day. It is the coach/manager's responsibility to ensure that all players are registered with the RFU and hence properly insured.

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Coaches/Referees

Please note that all teams must provide a referee and somebody to run the line. Referees will be provided with score cards that should be submitted to the pitch marshal at the end of each game. A referees briefing will take place outside the registration centre at 0930 and will include a separate briefing for the U7 to U10 age groups to confirm the new transitional laws. Please make every effort to attend and ensure that any relevant details are passed on to coaches as necessary.

The Tournament Referee on the day will be Rupert Bossier, who will be based at U12 and can be contacted on

First Aid

Winchester RFC will provide physio cover for the day, focussed primarily around the contact age-groups (U9/10/11/12). In addition there are paramedics stationed at the two first aid points identified on the enclosed map.

Matches

Pool matches will commence at 10.00am sharp where each team will play four games. The winners of each pool will play each other for the cup. The runners-up in each pool will contest the plate. The tournament rules are described in more detail later in this document. Please help us make the day run smoothly by having teams and referees ready to move onto their pitches at the required time.

Control Points

Each age group has a local control point where running results will be kept. Presentations at the end of the competition will also be performed at these control points.

Photography

DE Photo will be taking photographs throughout the day and will have facilities for you to purchase prints of the day's action. Parental consent will be assumed unless written objection is received.

Presentations and medals

Medals will be awarded to winners and runners-up in the cup and plate competitions. Presentations will take place after the cup final at each age-group control point.

Refreshments

There will be refreshments available in the clubhouse, next to the U10/11 control point and at the bridge to Devil's Island.

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Drinking water

Drinking water is available from the taps inside the toilets in the clubhouse and from the external tap at the South end of the clubhouse (nearest the car park).

Dogs

Dogs are not permitted on the grassed areas in front of the clubhouse and must be kept on a lead at all times.

Spirit of the festival

In this festival the emphasis is very much on having fun so please ensure your players, coaches and supporters are familiar with the relevant codes of conduct enclosed with this pack.

Tournament Rules

1. All matches will be played in accordance with the RFU Continuum 2010/11 except U11/U12 will not convert tries (due to a lack of available posts) and U7-10 will play according to the experimental variations being trialled by Hampshire RFU.
2. Replacements are permitted; any player sent off will take no further part in the tournament.
3. Games where the try difference reaches six will be brought to an end.
4. The tournament has age groups of Under 7s, 8s, 9s, 10s, 11s and 12s. Players must have been under these ages on 1 September 2010 to participate in the relevant group.
5. Squad, team sizes and match length:
 - a. Under 7 Squad of 10, team of 4; 5 minutes each way
 - b. Under 8 Squad of 12, team of 7; 5 minutes each way
 - c. Under 9 Squad of 12, team of 7; 6 minutes each way
 - d. Under 10 Squad of 14, team of 9; 6 minutes each way
 - e. Under 11 Squad of 18, team of 12 7 minutes each way
 - f. Under 12 Squad of 18, team of 13 7 minutes each way
6. One minute interval at half-time in each match. No extra time will be played.
7. All teams must be ready to play at the allotted time or immediately the preceding match finishes. If a team is not ready to play within one minute of being asked to take to the field by the pitch marshal or referee the match shall be awarded to their opponents.
8. Team coaches are responsible for the condition of their players' boots and

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- must check that studs and body protection conform to the RFU standards.
9. The format of the tournament comprises two sections; an initial league and subsequent play-offs; each age group will have two league pools of five teams in which each team will play four matches to decide an initial pool ranking. The winners of each pool will then contest the cup and the runners-up will contest the plate.
 10. Scoring: for each pool game played, two points will be awarded for a win, one point for a draw. The pool positions will be decided on the following basis:
 - a. by ranking of the points allocated to each team from their games;
 - b. if there is a tie at any position among two or more teams, then ranking will be decided by the total score difference recorded for each team in their four games, being: total number of tries for minus total number of tries against (maximum difference of six per game);
 - c. then the total number of tries scored by each team in their four games;
 - d. then the result of the game between those two teams;
 - e. if there is still a tie between two (or more) teams, then the play-off positions will be decided by lottery by the event coordinator.
 11. The play-offs will be arranged such that the winners in the two pools will play each other to decide the overall winner and second position in the tournament. The teams ranking second in both pools will play each other to decide the winners and runners up of the Plate competition. In the event of a draw in the play-off games, the winner will be decided on the following basis:
 - a. if the two pools were equivalent in size, then the team with the highest tally of pool points (i.e. two for a win etc.) will be declared the winner of the play-off;
 - b. if pool points are equal (or if the pools were uneven in size), then the first team to have scored in the play-off wins;
 - c. if the play-off was a no-score draw and pool points are equal, then the honours will be shared.
 12. Any disputes will be decided by the Tournament Referee.

The good player's code

Players should be encouraged to:

- A. Recognise and appreciate the efforts made by coaches, parents, match officials and administrators in providing the opportunity to play the game and enjoy the rugby environment.

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- B. Understand the values of loyalty and commitment to adults and team mates.
- C. Recognise that every player has a right to expect their involvement in rugby to be safe and free from all types of abuse.
- D. Understand that if an individual or group of players feel they are not being treated in a manner that is acceptable, then they should tell an adult either at the Club or School or outside of the game.
- E. Play because they want to do so, not to please coaches or parents.
- F. Remember that skill development, fun and enjoyment are the most important parts of the game.
- G. Be attentive at all training and coaching sessions.
- H. Work equally hard for themselves and their team - both will then benefit.
- I. Recognise good play by all players on their team and by their opponents.
- J. Be a sportsman - win with dignity, lose with grace.
- K. Play to the I.R.B. Laws of the Game and accept, without question, all referees' decisions even if they appear to make a mistake.
- L. Control their emotions. Verbal or physical abuse of team mates, opponents, coaches, match officials or spectators is not acceptable.
- M. Treat all players, as they would like to be treated themselves. Do not interfere with, bully or take advantage of any player.

The good match official's code

Match Officials should:

- A. Recognise the importance of fun and enjoyment when officiating players.
- B. Provide positive verbal feedback in a constructive and encouraging manner during games.
- C. Emphasise the spirit of the game.
- D. Appreciate the needs of the players before the needs of the sport.
- E. Understand the physical and behavioural development of players.
- F. Be a positive role model. Set an example, and as such, comments should be positive and supportive.
- G. Look to self-improvement e.g. participation in training courses.
- H. Recognise that the safety of players is paramount.
- I. Explain decisions - all players are still learning and parents will understand the game better.
- J. Always penalise foul play.
- K. Play advantage whenever possible in order to let the game flow.
- L. Show empathy for the age and ability of players.
- M. Be consistent and objective.
- N. Be familiar with the Good Spectators Code and ensure that verbal abuse from players, coaches or spectators is not tolerated and is dealt with by club officials immediately.

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- O. Be aware of, and abide by, the RFU Child Protection Guidance policies and procedures.
- P. Officiate to the rules laid down in the Rugby Continuum and keep themselves updated on rule changes.
- Q. Check that the home Club or School has provided a qualified first aider, ambulance access has not been obstructed and that appropriate equipment is available along with someone trained in its use before starting play.

The good parent's code

Clubs and Schools should encourage Parents to:

- A. Be familiar with the coaching and training programme in order that they can ensure their child is fully involved and the coaches are aware of their availability.
- B. Be familiar with the teaching and coaching methods used by observing the coaching and training sessions in which their child participates.
- C. Be aware that the Club or School has a duty of care to ensure the safety of players and therefore, where appropriate, assist coaches with the supervision of the players, particularly where numbers are large and there is a need to transport players to away games.
- D. Be involved with Club and School activities and share their expertise.
- E. Share concerns, if they have them, with Club or School officials.
- F. Be familiar with the Good Coaches' Code contained in the Rugby Continuum. In particular be aware that:
 - (i) coaches should recognise the importance of fun and enjoyment when coaching players; and
 - (ii) coaches should keep winning and losing in perspective, encouraging players to behave with dignity in all circumstances.
- G. Support coaches in instilling these virtues.
- H. Remember that young people play rugby for their own enjoyment not that of their parents.
- I. Encourage young people to play - do not force them.
- J. Focus on the players' efforts, rather than winning or losing.
- K. Be realistic about the players' abilities; do not push them towards a level that they are not capable of achieving.
- L. Provide positive verbal feedback both in training and during the game.
- M. Remember that persistent, negative messages will adversely affect the players' and referee's performance and attitude.
- N. Always support the Club and School in their efforts to eradicate loud, coarse and abusive behaviour from the game.
- O. Remember young people learn much by example.
- P. Always show appreciation of good play by all players both from their own Club or School and the opposition.

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- Q. Respect decisions made by the match officials, even if they appear to make a mistake, and encourage the players to do likewise.

The good spectator's code

Clubs and Schools should encourage Spectators to:

- A. Act as positive role models to all players.
- B. Be familiar with, and abide by, the RFU Child Protection Guidance in relation to verbal and emotional abuse.
- C. Respect guidance from the Club or School with regard to spectator behaviour.
- D. Remember children play sport primarily for their own enjoyment, not for that of the spectators.
- E. Acknowledge good individual and team performance from all players irrespective of the team in which they play.
- F. Respect match officials' decisions, even if they appear to make a mistake – remember, they are volunteers providing an opportunity for players to play rugby.
- G. Never verbally abuse players, coaches, match officials or fellow spectators: such behaviour can create a negative environment for players and their behaviour will often reflect this.
- H. Acknowledge effort and good performance rather than 'to win at all costs'.
- I. Verbally encourage all players in a positive manner, shouting 'for', not 'at', the players.
- J. Encourage all players irrespective of their ability - never ridicule any individual player, regardless of the team in which they play.

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Winchester Rugby Football Club Emerging Players Festival Sunday 21st November 2010

Players and Referee Registration Form

Please complete this form for each age group and bring a copy to the Registration Desk at Winchester Rugby Club on the morning of the tournament along with the relevant registration cards.

Squad sizes: U7: 10 players. U8: 12 players. U9: 12 players. U10: 14 players. U11: 18 players. U12: 18 players

CLUB NAME		AGE GROUP	U	SHIRT COLOURS	
COACH NAME				COACH MOBILE	
REFEREE NAME				REFEREE MOBILE	

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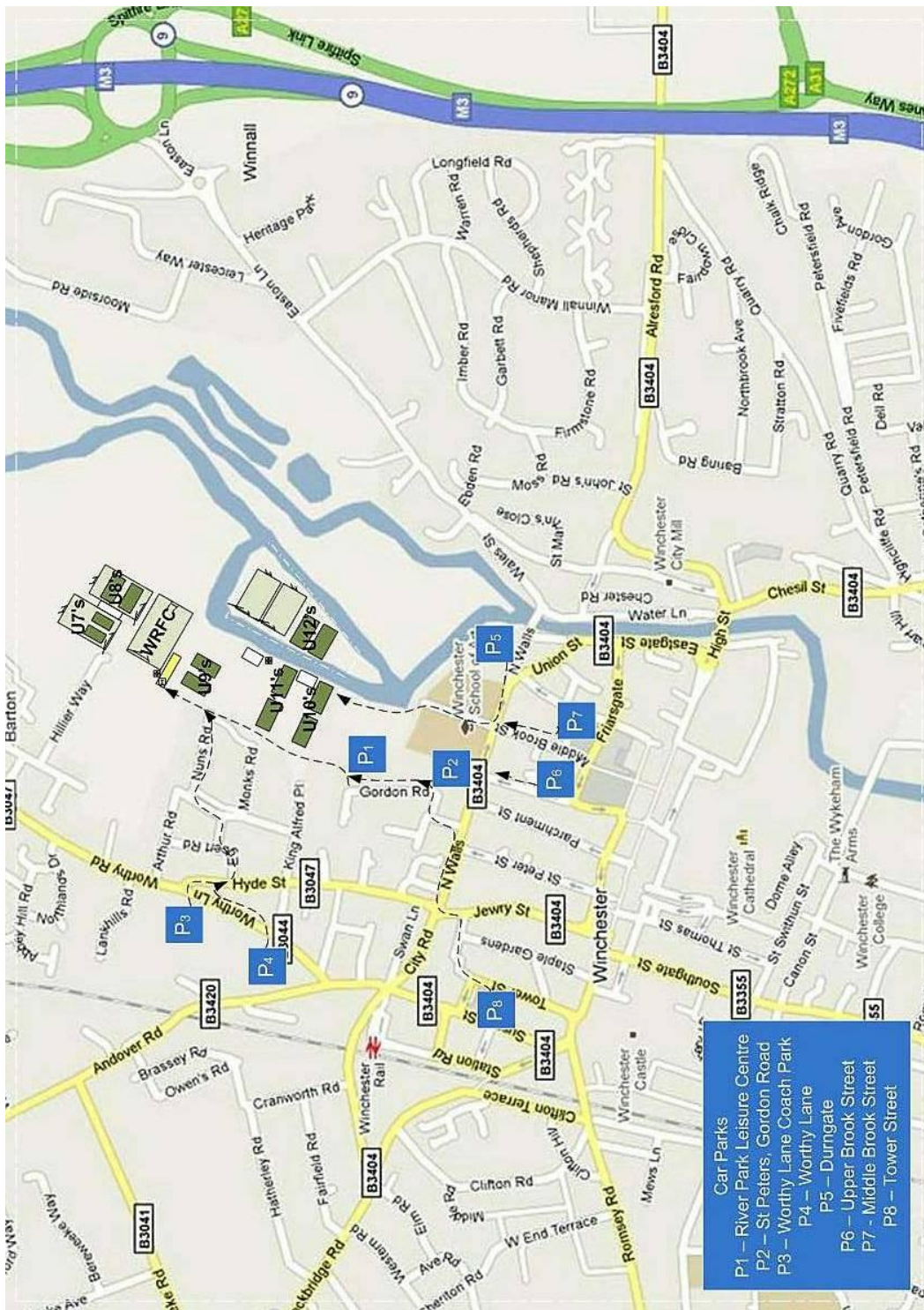


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Parking Map



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