









INFORMATION PACK

Teamwork · Respect · Enjoyment · Discipline · Sportsmanship

-  Play to win - but not at all cost
-  Win with dignity, lose with grace
-  Observe the Laws and regulations of the game
-  Respect opponents, referees and all participants
-  Reject cheating, racism, violence and drugs
-  Value volunteers and paid officials alike

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the new season at Flintshire Falcons RLFC. A particular welcome if you are a new member. We would like to thank you for the faith you have placed in us by bringing your child to play here and we would like to assure you that we take the trust you place in us very seriously indeed. At the same time we firmly believe that playing Rugby League and learning the skills of this fascinating game, can be a great deal of fun for parents and players alike.

Responsibility for the management of Flintshire Falcons is dealt with by the Committee through regular meetings which ensures that the delivery and playing of rugby is a positive and well organised activity for everybody.

If there is anything that you wish to discuss with us, then please do not hesitate to get in touch either at the end of a coaching session, or via our Junior Facebook page.

SUBS

All young players are required to register with the Club and pay the annual subscription fee and pre-season training session charges. Subscriptions can be paid in one lump sum or via a standing order. All players are required to pay their subscriptions in order to activate the RFL insurance cover. Failure to pay as required will mean players may not participate and parents should note that they would not be insured. Subs are due to the club in full regardless of when you start or finish with the club within the season.

Payment for this year is £60 per player. Payment can either be made in full by 31st March 2017 or via Standing order over 6 months, with the initial payment having credited our account by 31st March 2017.

TRAINING SESSIONS

Training sessions will take place at Deeside Leisure Centre, Queensferry.

Wednesday night training sessions will be 6pm until 7pm. The date these are to start will be confirmed at a later date.

Saturday training sessions will start on Saturday 18th February 2017 at 10.30am until 12pm

If you are going to leave your child unaccompanied at a training session, please make the coach aware and ensure that you return at least 10 minutes before the end of the session. It is also important to let your coach know if you intend to pick your child up from training early. Please do not let your child leave a training session early without telling the person in charge that they are leaving. This will ensure that those responsible for supervising your child can do so properly.

VOLUNTEERS

Without volunteers there would be no club. The committee and all of our coaching teams are made up of volunteers. The club is keen to add to its' list of trained coaches and first aiders. Please contact us to discuss further if you are interested in volunteering as a coach or first aider – all course fees will be covered by the club.

Many parents may have ideas that will help the club develop so don't keep them to yourself – tell us about them. If you would like to know more about how you might be able to help, please contact a member of the Committee.

SPONSORSHIP AND FUNDRAISING

Our club relies on sponsorship and fundraising for income to support and deliver rugby to a high standard. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor or know of any businesses that may, please speak to a committee member for more details.

Throughout the season we will hold a variety of fundraising events which we encourage everybody to attend as all players will benefit from funds raised.

Also if possible, we ask that you support us via our easyfundraising page.

<http://easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/flintshirefalconsrlc>

Help out when you check out

Collect **FREE donations** for us when you shop online via easyfundraising.org.uk



HEALTH AND SAFETY AND GENERAL WELFARE

We consider the welfare and safety of all our members and visitors as paramount and to this end, the club regularly conducts a risk assessment of all its' facilities and equipment. In order to ensure the continued health and safety of all young players:

- ◆ All players, coaches, members and spectators are required to comply with the club rules and codes of conduct insofar as they relate to the health and safety and general welfare of all those involved in rugby;

Rugby Specific Issues

- ◆ Coaches and/or match officials are responsible for ensuring the suitability of the playing area before training or a match;
- ◆ We aim to provide all teams with a designated First Aid Officer who is suitably trained to administer emergency first aid;
- ◆ All coaches and first aiders will have completed an enhanced DBS check;

Insurance Cover

All **fully paid up players** representing Flintshire Falcons are covered by the basic RFL compulsory players' insurance scheme.

As the parent/carer of a player, you will already have told us about any disabilities or relevant medical conditions and indicated whether or not you give consent for the provision of basic assessment and/or treatment. Where possible, you will be consulted before treatment is given. If your child's medical circumstances change during the season please tell your Coach.

CHILD PROTECTION STATEMENT

Flintshire Falcons Rugby League Club believes that rugby league is a sport which is enjoyable and which should have a positive impact on players. It is a sport that should be enjoyed by all young people who wish to take part and it is our intention to provide a climate and environment where young players are protected and kept safe from harm. We will treat all suspicions and allegations of harm or inappropriate behavior seriously and will respond swiftly and appropriately.

The club has adopted the guidelines laid down by the RFL and listed below are the key principles that we shall follow when dealing with the welfare of all young players:

- ◆ We shall treat anyone under the age of 18 as a child or young person for the purposes of managing their welfare;
- ◆ We will treat the welfare of all children and young people as paramount;
- ◆ We will ensure that all children and young people, regardless of age, gender, ability, race, religion, ethnic origin,

nationality, social status or sexual orientation are able to enjoy the game in an environment safe from abuse of any kind;

- ◆ We recognise that it is the responsibility of child protection professionals to determine whether abuse has taken place but it is everyone's responsibility within the sport of rugby league to report concerns;
- ◆ We believe that working in partnership with parents/carers is essential for the protection of all young people;
- ◆ We require all coaches and those involved with junior rugby to be checked and cleared by the CRB

CLUB RULES

Flintshire Falcons Rugby League Club is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the well being of all its' members and, in particular, its' young players. The club believes that it is important for all members, coaches, administrators, volunteers and supporters:

- ◆ to show respect at all times;
- ◆ to be open in their working relationships;
- ◆ to share any concerns that they might have about any aspect of rugby;

All persons associated with the club, including players, are expected to:

- ◆ comply with the rules of the game;
- ◆ respect officials and their decisions;
- ◆ respect opponents and all members of their team, including coaching staff and supporters;

In addition to the above, **ALL PLAYERS:**

- ◆ **MUST** wear a suitable mouth guard at all times, both in training and during matches;
- ◆ **MUST** pay the annual subscription fee promptly in accordance with the current payment terms set by the Club which will ensure that they are covered by the terms of the RFL's insurance for players. ***Unless the appropriate fees have been paid, players may not participate.***
- ◆ **MUST** be registered with the RFL in accordance with current regulations and will not be allowed to participate in matches unless they are registered;
- ◆ **MUST** abide by the current rules and guidelines;
- ◆ **MUST** wear suitable clothing relevant to the activity and conditions at the time;

For Training

Boots or trainers (depending upon the nature of the session).

Boots should have either molded studs or screw in RFL approved aluminum studs. A training top or rugby shirt and rugby socks.

For Matches

Please **do not** arrive in other teams' kit – it looks unprofessional.

Flintshire Falcons team shirt should be worn to matches with club socks and black shorts/jogging bottoms.

Playing kit will then be provided for the game. Boots should be worn for all games in the interest of the health and safety of the players. Any variation from this should be agreed with the coach.

NB: Flintshire Falcons club shop details can be found via our website or Facebook page.

CODES OF CONDUCT

In addition to the above rules, the club expects the following **Codes of Conduct** to be followed at all times. In accordance with the guidance offered by the RFL, the following codes of conduct will apply:

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR CLUB OFFICIALS AND VOLUNTEERS

At Flintshire Falcons we believe that all involved in supporting the development of the game should be guided by consideration of what is ethical and right for the players who fall under our duty of care.

To this end **all club officials and volunteers:**

- ◆ **MUST** consider the well-being and safety of players before the development of performance;
- ◆ **MUST** develop an appropriate working relationship with players based upon mutual trust and respect;
- ◆ **MUST** make sure all training, development and playing activities are appropriate to age, ability and experience of those taking part;
- ◆ **MUST** balance the desire to win with the concept of equality in team selection and time on the field;

- ◆ **MUST** promote the positive aspects of the sport such as fair play;
- ◆ **MUST** display consistently high standards of behavior and appearance;
- ◆ **MUST** follow all guidelines laid down by the RFL and the club;
- ◆ **MUST** hold appropriate valid qualifications and insurance cover;
- ◆ **MUST NOT** exert undue influence over players to obtain personal benefit or reward;

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PLAYERS

All players:

- ◆ **MUST** play within the rules of the game and respect officials and their decisions;
- ◆ **MUST** respect opponents and all other members of their team whether they win or lose;
- ◆ **MUST** be punctual arriving to training and games or inform their coach if they are going to be late;
- ◆ **MUST** wear suitable clothing relevant to the activity and conditions at the time (see Club Rules);
- ◆ **MUST** wear a suitable mouth guard at all times, both in training and during matches;
- ◆ **MUST NOT** swear, use abusive language or partake in bullying.
- ◆ **MUST** report any bullying they see immediately.
- ◆ **MUST** welcome and encourage new players.
- ◆ **MUST** support your team mates, especially if they make a mistake or are feeling down.
- ◆ **MUST NOT** use social media to make negative comments, criticise or abuse any player, team, volunteer, club or the game of Rugby League.
- ◆ If anything is worrying you, or you are not enjoying playing, speak to your parents, the Coach or Club Welfare Officer

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS AND SPECTATORS

We believe that all adults involved in sport whether as coaches, volunteers or supporters at events, represent role models for young people particularly and should respect other users of our facilities. It is crucial that parents/carers exemplify what is best in the sport by valuing fair play and praising performance and commitment over winning and to this end **the Club expects that you:**

- ◆ Encourage young people to learn the rules and play within them;
- ◆ Discourage unfair play and arguing with officials;
- ◆ Help young people to recognise good performance, not just results;
- ◆ Never force people to take part in sport;
- ◆ Set a good example by recognising fair play and applauding the good performance of all;
- ◆ Never punish or belittle a player for losing or making mistakes;
- ◆ Publicly accept official's judgments and decisions;
- ◆ Support involvement and help players enjoy their sport;
- ◆ Must not use social media to make negative comments, criticise or abuse any player, team, volunteer, club or the game of Rugby League.
- ◆ Must report any concerns of bullying to a committee member or coach.
- ◆ Use correct and proper language at all times;
- ◆ Provide adequate supervision for your child once the training session or match has finished.

USEFUL CONTACT INFORMATION

www.falconsrflc.co.uk



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Player Agreement

I acknowledge the rules and codes of conduct of the club and will therefore

- Attend training regularly and on time.
- Wear the appropriate kit to training and matches
- Comply with the rules of the game
- Respect officials and their decisions
- Respect my team players and coaches
- Not take part in any bullying
- Report any bullying to an appropriate coach
- Respect opponents and all members of their team, including coaching staff and supporters

Signed _____ (Player)

Name _____ (printed)

Dated _____

Parent/guardian Agreement

I acknowledge the rules of the club and that I have read and fully understand the information pack provided and will therefore adhere to the codes of conduct as outlined. In addition, I will ensure that the necessary subs/fees are fully paid for the season/training session, in line with the subs information within the pack. Please accept this as confirmation that I intend to pay the subs via the below chosen method (please tick appropriately)

Pay £60.00 in full via cash or cheque by 31st March 2017

Pay via Standing order

Re: _____ (players name)

Payment start date will be _____ (no later than 31st March 2017)

Payment amount will be £10.00 for duration of 6 months

Signed _____ (Parent/guardian)

Name _____ (printed)

Dated _____

Club Agreement

On behalf of Flintshire Falcons RLC, we the undersigned agree that the club, coaching team and volunteers will adhere to the codes of conduct as set out in the information pack.

Signed _____ Position held _____

Name _____ (printed)

Signed _____ Position held _____

Name _____ (printed)

Dated _____