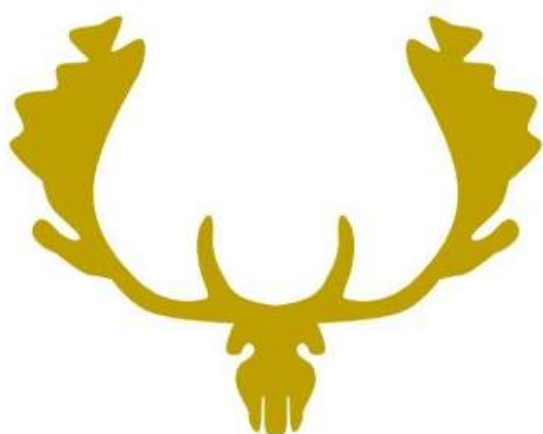


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WELCOME

On behalf of Teddington RFC I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all the players, coaches and supporters attending the Middlesex Rugby U7 Festival 2020.

Tournaments and festivals are one of the highlights of rugby. Please respect the core values of the game both on and off the pitch: teamwork, respect, enjoyment, discipline and sportsmanship. The spirit in which we play the game is important.

At Teddington RFC we believe rugby is about fun, camaraderie and developing a love of the game. We are an inclusive club and want to make sure that all who want to play rugby can. We look forward to welcoming all the other Middlesex clubs and encourage everyone to join in as players, coaches, volunteers and supporters.

I wish you all a enjoyable and fun day. Our key goal is ensuring that children enjoy their rugby and go home with smiles on their faces.

James Olsen
Minis Chairman
Teddington Youth RFC



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GENERAL INFORMATION

TIMINGS

09:00 – 09:30	Registration
09:40	Referee/coach briefing – in 2 locations: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Beside registration tent• Under posts (clubhouse end)
10:00 – 12:40	Festival Matches

GETTING HERE AND CAR PARKING

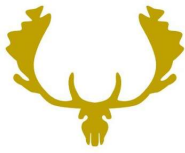
Bushy Park is always busy on a Sunday. We encourage car sharing wherever possible or use of public transport, Teddington train station is approximately 500m from the club.

We have secured dedicated event parking for those travelling by car at the **National Physical Laboratory (NPL), Hampton Road, Teddington, TW11 0JZ**. Enter NPL and follow instructions to the car park. Once parked up please see a marshal to pay the £5 parking fee and obtain a wristband; as this is a secure, government site security is extremely tight and access back to the carpark is on presentation of a wristband only. Please keep this with you to gain access.

Please be patient and follow instructions given by parking marshals.

<i>NPL Car Park TW11 0JZ</i>	Access to NPL car park (Red path on the map below) is from Hampton Road and through the main NPL entrance. Pedestrian access to Bushy Park is via Coleshill gate. We will be charging £5 for car parking at NPL to cover the rental cost. Please use Satnav to the National Physical Laboratory on Stanton Road off Hampton Road, Teddington, Middlesex TW11 0JZ Please note this is not the normal club car park.
<i>Public Car Park</i>	Limited Public parking is available in Bushy Park. Access to the public car park (green path on the map below) is from Park Road or from Hampton Court Road. Both gates take you into Chestnut Avenue. From Teddington, take the first right , and park in the car park on the left hand-side. If coming from Hampton Court, take the second left after you have passed the lake/fountain (the first left is a track) and park in the car park on the left hand side.
<i>Drop off only</i>	If being dropped off, i.e. not parking, the address details are Teddington Rugby Club, Clapperstile car park, Dora Jordan Road, Teddington TW11 0EA

Please do not use the parking for Teddington Cricket Club; do not park on unauthorised roads or grass verges within the park or you will get a parking ticket from the parks police; unless dropping off only please do not enter the Clapperstile car park.



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REGISTRATION

We advise that players and supporters should arrive between 09:00 and 09:30 to ensure that we get the games off to a prompt start at 10:00. All teams must register at registration on arrival and before 09:30, where we will distribute medals, schedules etc.

The registration form can be completed in advance and e-mailed to Katherine Davey at countyfestival@teddingtonrfc.co.uk. All players must have a valid RFU number to play.

The registration form is included at the end of this document.

CLUB WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA

Information specific to the festival can be found on the club website at:

<https://www.teddingtonrfc.co.uk/news/u7s-middlesex-festival-2515469.html>

Teddington updates can also be found on Twitter and Facebook



@teddingtonrfc_m



Search for 'Teddington RFC'

In case of inclement weather please check the website and social channels for status of play.

SCHEDULE AND PITCH ALLOCATION

The schedule and pitch allocation are in a separate document and emailed to the club contacts at before the festival. Copies will also be provided at registration.

KIT

Match balls will be provided by Teddington/the County – please leave them on the pitch at the end of each game to ensure the next game can start promptly.

Clubs should come with sufficient tag belts for their own players.

MEDALS

All players will receive a medal. The festival will be conducted using the New Rules of Play (NROP) and there will be no trophies awarded.

REFEREES

All clubs are expected to share the refereeing duties for each game – taking half each ("home" team for first half, "away" team for second), unless otherwise agreed by the coaches. Please ensure representation from your club at a Referee Briefing at 9:40am.



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FIRST AID

St John's Ambulance are in attendance, they will be based in the club house and circulating around the pitches during the matches. In addition, Teddington First Aiders will be on duty and can additional medical assistance if necessary. Only the First Aiders can give permission for injured players to continue playing.

FOOD & DRINK

Breakfast baps, tea, hot chocolate and coffee (both instant and barista) will be available from the clubhouse during the morning. A BBQ will be available from 11:30am. A sweet shop will be open in front of the club house and the bar will be open from midday.

DOGS

Dogs are allowed in the park, but please keep them on leads, under control and remember that children play on the pitches!

PHOTOGRAPHS

We are pleased to announce that DE Photo have once again been appointed as the Professional Sports and Event Photographers for this event. This event, by its very nature, is in the public arena and when entering for the event the participant and their parents acknowledges this fact which may result in the recording and publication of his/her image. All DE Photo photographers and staff have been DBS checked and the company operates a strict Child Protection Policy and Code of Ethics, which can be viewed on their website at <https://dephoto.biz/about-us>

SAFETY

The pitches are within parkland so please ensure youngsters do not wander off. Park deer roam freely in Bushy – treat them with caution and do not approach.

TOILETS

Male and female toilets are available in the main clubhouse. Additional toilets can also be found in the main changing rooms.

DISCIPLINE

Any discipline complaints regarding coaches, players, spectators or referees received by the festival organisers, will be dealt with in the same manner and treated with the utmost seriousness. The organisers reserve the right to discipline any participating club as considered appropriate for the circumstances.



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Coaches, Players and Spectators are reminded of the Codes of Conduct and their requirements. Any Abuse of Officials, Players or other Spectators will be subject to disciplinary action through formal proceedings through Club or County Disciplinary Panels.

OTHER NOTES

Please ensure parents are aware of the spirit of this Festival Structure and the expectations of behaviour by players, coaches and parents – the Code of Conduct is enforced fully.

Please ensure that ALL people attending the day are familiar with the RFU Codes of Conduct. Abuse and foul language will not be tolerated under any circumstances.

By entering children in this festival parents/guardians implicitly agree and accept that:

1. Photographic images may be taken of their son/daughter during the normal course of rugby activity, by accredited photographers and/or other parents/guardians
2. The images may be used in the local press or in club publicity, in line with the RFU guidelines for the welfare of young people in Rugby Union



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FESTIVAL RULES

- The festival matches will be played according to the RFU NROP which can be found at this link:
<https://www.englandrugby.com//dxdam/d3/d3bf2a08-3c2d-4a46-a33c-91634c31dcde/Regulation%2015%20Appendix%20 1.pdf>
- Each team will play all of their games on the same group of 2 pitches for the entire festival.
- Match times will be as per the schedule. Air Horns will be used to indicate the start and end of each half. Please arrive at your pitch 2-3 minutes before match start time.
- U7 teams will all be of mixed ability.
- No injury time will be played; however, time may be stopped for serious incidents.
- Coaches will remain off the pitch during all games, except to attend to an injury and at half time.
- Each game will be refereed by the coaches of the teams playing - taking half each ("home" team for first half, "away" team for second half), unless otherwise agreed by the coaches. If neither club can referee, then a neutral referee will be provided. Any disputes in refereeing should be reported to a pitch marshal.
- The scores will not be recorded as per the guidelines in NROP.
- The hosting club organisers' decisions are final.



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REFEREE GUIDANCE

- Games that flow are more fun for the players, so as per RFU U7 tag rules please play advantage as much as possible including for knock-ons.
- As part of installing understanding of key element of rugby, forward passes should be blown with a quick explanation.
- Carry ball in 2 hands; no fending off
- Tags should be returned by the tagger, not thrown on the floor
- If a player has fewer than 2 tags and receives the ball, the referee should promptly call “tag, pass” , and after passing that player should retrieve the missing tag
- By default, there is no need for applying a rule of 2+ passes after a restart before scoring: If you have a particularly dynamic player you may want to enforce it on them as a coach, but it should not be enforced by the referee.
- During games encourage a swift restart to ensure maximum playing time.
- Diving for scores or tags should be discouraged and pointed out to offending players. If the same player continually goes to ground after having been spoken to, please consider as a coach taking them off for a rest to recover and calm down.
- Please start and finish games on the air horn. This will sound at the start/end of each match.



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REGISTRATION FORM

Club name (e.g. Ealing RFC)	
Squad Reference (e.g. Ealing 1)	
Coach name(s)	
Coach Mobile Number(s)	

	Player Name	Date of Birth	RFU Player No.
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			

Under 7s

Minimum 4 to Maximum 6 players per team