

SEASON 2023-2024

ORRELL RUFC



MINI AND JUNIOR SECTION

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WELCOME



Welcome to our Club – we pride ourselves on being one of the friendliest, family-orientated clubs in the North West. As our motto says, “where great friendships are made”.

Everyone is welcome at our club, irrespective of age, ability, skills or experience. If you have never even owned a pair of rugby boots, it does not matter to us! We are more interested in your friendship and willingness to come and play rugby with us.

We play to enjoy!

There’s a couple of things you need to know about joining our Club:

- Each player who joins Orrell RUFC must become a member of the club. The current membership for a mini or junior player is £20 (monthly subscriptions are also payable - see following page).
- Once you have paid your membership, you become a Member of the Orrell & Winstanley Community Sports Club – Rugby Section.
- You can, if you wish, access the other sports offered by Orrell & Winstanley Community Sports Club (subject to their subscription/match fees).

ORRELL RUFC POSSIBLY THE FRIENDLIEST RUGBY CLUB EVER

Rugby is a game that helps children understand Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline and Sportsmanship. Everyone involved in rugby in England, whether as a player, coach, referee, administrator, parent or spectator is encouraged to uphold the Core Values of our sport.

Our Mini and Junior Section was relaunched on 11th April 2010 with a series of fun, skill development sessions followed by an ever-growing fixture list. .



Since then both the Club and the Mini and Junior section have grown and developed, running teams from U7s right through to Senior Colts and we have extremely close links to several local schools (both primary and junior) and local colleges and a working partnership with Sale Sharks through their Player Development Programme.

Our Mini and Juniors train on a Wednesday evening at the Dr1ve Medicals Arena at St John Rigby College and play on a Sunday morning at the same venue.

We offer all children aged from 6 years of age, free taster training sessions starting at any time during our season which runs from August to the end of April.

OUR HISTORY

We are very proud of our history and are looking forward to our centenary in 2027

Orrell's history is littered with great characters both on and off the pitch. Former old boys include:

- Tom Campbell, who is now with Ealing Trailfinders after a spell with Sale Sharks
- Jack Bibby - Huddersfield RL
- Sam Halsall - Huddersfield RL
- Umyla Hanley - Wigan Warriors
- Tom Lee - Kirkham Grammar & St Helens RL (and currently playing rugby "down under".
- Niall Povall - Kirkham Grammar & Warriors Academy
- Ellis Povey represented Orrell Touch Rugby at international level playing for England at the Junior Touch Championships (winning gold)

To name them all would be impossible but here are a few of those who have contributed to Orrell's success over the last eighty years, (with apologies to the others who have helped in so many ways). In 1946 Alan Ackers was Orrell's first county player; Frank Anderson became our first international, and John Carleton our first British Lion.

Many outstanding players have worn the amber and black of Orrell, players like Austin Healey, Dave Gullick, Simon Langford, Nigel Heslop, Brian Ashton, Steve Bainbridge, Dan Luger, Dewi Morris, and Nick Easter.

We are hoping our future will also be littered with more great characters and players.





OUR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The Club has a great relationship with Sale Sharks and work closely with them on their Developing Player Programme.

The Club currently has 7 players from the Mini and Junior Section on the programme and this may increase as the new season progresses.

The Developing Player Programme (DPP) is a joint initiative between Sale Sharks, England Rugby and Cheshire and Lancashire RFU to find the best local talent aged 14-16 years olds.

The focus is around individual player development, with playing opportunities through inter-team festivals at Under 14 and 15 until players graduate to playing competitive fixtures at Under 16.

Rugby clubs and schools nominate rugby union players that stand out in their age group, and who display early signs of our Sharks DNA. Once a player is nominated, they will be invited to an assessment session at one of our seven DPP hubs across the North West.

Former attendees on the programme from Orrell RUFC include Tom Campbell, Tom Lee, Jack Bibby and Niall Poval.



Our Sharks DPP Programme

Another proud club moment, as we announce another U16s team, Thomas Davies, has been successful and will be joining the Sale Sharks DPP Programme.

Now that Thomas, like the rest of our Orrell RUFC ambassadors will do both himself and the Club proud.



LOCAL SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS

The Club also works very closely with local schools in the area, delivering "Try It" rugby sessions.

The aim of the programme is to provide rugby taster sessions for primary school children in the area with the main aim to encourage young people to get involved in sport for the very many benefits it can bring but also to encourage the children to continue to build their confidence and personal and rugby skills by playing with a local rugby union club, making new friends and enjoying sport in general.

A typical programme includes: the introduction of core values of R.U.G.B.Y (as delivered by Try It Rugby) with fun activities to build a rapport with the children and encourage their team building skills. Weeks 3 and 4 go on to establish core rugby skills, including teamwork, with ball handling and rules of the game and building their confidence plus the introduction of tag belts. The final weeks introduce game-based scenarios working on their team skills, respect for others, team spirit and the Orrell RUFC ethos of "play to enjoy". At the end of the weekly sessions, attendees are presented with a certificate and three trophies to each class: Most Improved, Best Attitude and Rising Star.

Year 5 Class Teacher and PE Lead said *"The benefit it has had on our pupils has been excellent. The sessions have inspired lots of our pupils to take up rugby and it has promoted the sport amongst our girls, who in recent years, have not been as confident in trying this sport."*



HOW DO WE MOULD THE FUTURE IN OUR HANDS

it starts with our Mini Section and creating an interesting, informative, and easy-to-learn training programme for children as young as 6/7 years of age.



Age Grade Rugby ensures that every player is able to enjoy rugby in a safe environment where they can develop their personal and social skills as well as a wide array of transferable multi-sports skills. This results in their holistic development as well as their life long involvement in rugby and other sports.

Here at Orrell RUFC, we:

- Put children at the heart of everything we do.
- Encourage fun on the pitch through equal opportunity and realistic expectations of children.
- Build the skills of our adults to provide a safe, healthy, respectful and enjoyable environment for children.
- Develop children's confidence and character as players and as people, challenging any behaviour that conflicts with this.
- Champion rugby's Core Values inspiring a lifelong bond between children, adults and sport.



TRAINING

All coaching is conducted by RFU qualified coaches who are trained and DBS checked.

Training is held on a Wednesday night (during the season from August to the end of April) at 6pm, on the all-weather pitch at St John Rigby College (WN5 0LJ) unless otherwise notified by coaches or the Mini and Junior Section Committee. Pre-season training (usually June & July) information is posted on our website and social media.



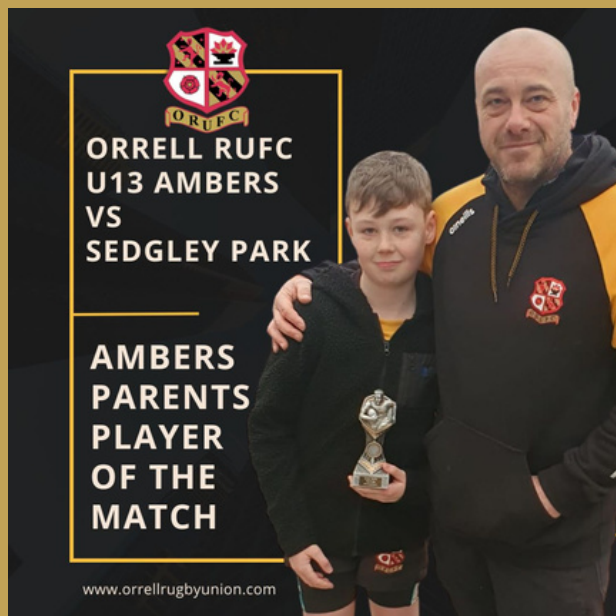
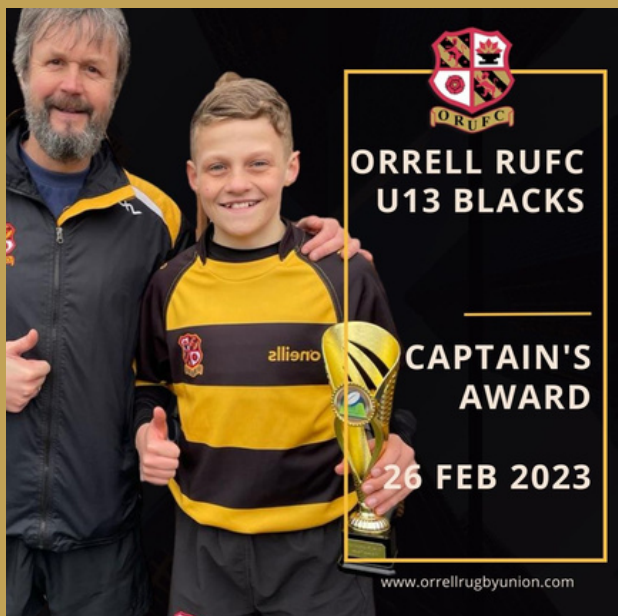
We do ask that children are accompanied by an adult as the coaches cannot be held responsible for them.

Parking is provided in the college car park. There is also a small reception area with tea and coffee/refreshment machines.

We suggest for training each week, players bring:

- Any medication such as inhalers, etc.
- Warm clothes especially throughout winter
- A drink (especially during summer or warmer weather)
- Suitable training wear
- Mouthguard (if instructed to do so)





MATCH DAY INFORMATION

Matchday games are played throughout the North-West region. Fixture lists are available from Coaches, our Fixtures Secretary (and are also published on our website), although we do stress that any fixture list is very much subject to change at any point due to weather, opposition, etc.

Your coach will always notify you of any change.

We do ask that if you are away for any reason that you give your coach/manager as much warning as possible as we must let opposition teams know.

For match day, you will need:

- Boots with Rugby Studs
- Warm up top
- Drink

Match/playing kit is provided by the Club. Each player will be provided with

- 1 x match top
- 1 x pair of black shorts
- 1 x pair of black socks

Additional kit may be purchased if required for use outside of the Club.

For match day, pre/post uniform of white shirt & club tie (Juniors only); Junior coaches will advise when required.

Suggested Items

- Gum Shield
- Protective Padding
- Jacket for cold weather

Drinks & refreshments are provided after both home and away games.

REWARD & RECOGNITION



Our Man of the Match awards are given to the most outstanding player in a single match. This award is given to the player that has made the most significant impact on the match, either through their play, their leadership, their commitment to the game or making a difference on and off the pitch. All recognition awards are highlighted on our website and social media platforms.



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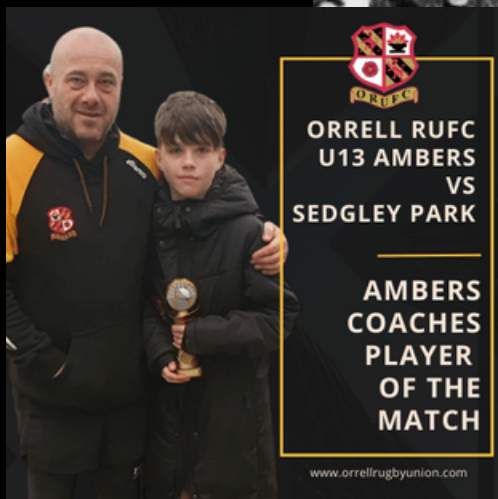


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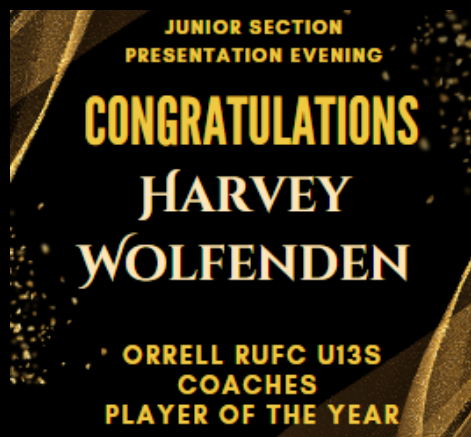
MAN OF THE MATCH





At the end of each season, the Club hosts a Presentation Evening for all the teams. Last season's event was so well supported, that we are definitely going to need a bigger venue for the 2023-2024 Presentation Night!

That's testament to our coaches, team managers, committee members, past and present, and of course all of our parents and families who support all year – during the season and the planning involved out of season. Most of all it's a testament to our players as without them we wouldn't be.



IT'S NOT ALWAYS RUGBY



Team Building & Socials

We include fun team building and social events (that include siblings and mums and dads – even grandparents – too) as part of our training programme.

These range from watching Sale Sharks and/or England Rugby play, to go-karting, trampolines, Ninja Warrior or just watching our team mates play other games of sport.



PARENTS ARE WELCOME TOO!

United in sport, we welcome parents, grandparents and family members to all training team building, socials and competitions - we value your support and commitment to our great club.

We are keen to try and involve parents in the club and would be pleased to see you at the training sessions where you can meet club members, find out more about the club and perhaps become a valued volunteer.



S O C I A L

We are a very friendly and family orientated club and run a number of functions throughout the year (in addition to our rugby) where the family can get involved.

Race nights, team building events, the Santa Dash, Christmas parties, end of season tours - families are always welcome to join in!

WHERE IT BEGINS



MINIS



U11S

TO JUNIORS

U15S



U14S



BUT NOT WHERE IT ENDS

ORRELL RUFC SENIOR COLTS



Meet our Senior (U18s) Colts; an amazing bunch of lads who are brilliant ambassadors for the Club. The former U16s team, who were runners up in the Lancashire RFU Junior Bowl Final recently, will make the jump into the Senior Colts (Under 18s) league. This great team, some of whom have played together for the last 10 years, starting in the Minis and then moving through the age groups will start the new season in the Halbro NW Colts League.





ORRELL RUFC POLICIES

EQUITY POLICY

Orrell RUFC Mini and Junior Section (ORMJS) is committed to ensuring that equity is incorporated across all aspects of its development. In doing so it acknowledges and adopts Sport England's definition of sports equity. A copy of the Club's full equality policy can be found on our website.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR YOUNG PLAYERS

Orrell RUFC Mini and Junior Section (ORMJS) believe that our Club, like any other good Club, should be a place where:

- All players can learn and enjoy their learning without interruptions.
- All coaches can coach and respond to their players without interruption.

A copy of the Club's full code of conduct for young players (ORUFC Best Practice for Young Players) can be found on our website

PLAYING RUGBY - SELECTION POLICY

Our selection policy can be found on our website www.orrellrugbyunion.com

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS & SPECTATORS

The aim of the Code of Conduct is to promote and describe the code of conduct for all spectators associated with Orrell RUFC. A copy of the Club's full code of conduct for parents and spectators (ORUFC Best Practice for Parents And Spectators) can be found on our website

RFU SEAL OF APPROVAL AND CLUB MARK

We strive to be the friendliest rugby club in the North West as we have been described by many visitors. As such we have achieved our first goal, of gaining the RFU Seal of Approval and Club mark.

We take our appointment as a community sports club strongly, we welcome everybody to the club, players, parents, spectators, volunteers, and we aim to organise activities and events that the community will be involved in.



REGISTRATION



Once you commit to playing rugby on a regular basis with the Club, you will need to pay an annual membership fee (currently £20) and then pay a monthly subscription fee. There are discounts for a second and third brother or sister.

Registration and Subscription payments are made through the RFU's Game Management System (GMS) at the start of each season. Players only need to register once to get their RFU number (and all players need an RFU number to be able to play the game). This RFU number stays with the individual player throughout their playing career and so they only need to "re-affiliate" to their chosen club each season, when they pay their yearly subs.

This is a very easy system to navigate, and all new (and existing) players/parents/guardians will be talked/helped through the process by the Club's GMS Manager.

Parents will be asked to supply name and address details as well as completing:

- Consent & Emergency Contact Details
- Medical Information
- Consent for the use of photography and recorded images

SUBSCRIPTIONS



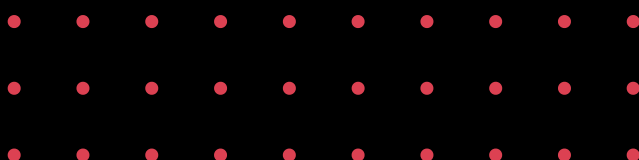
Once you've made the decision that you'd like to play for our club (and you don't have to do that straight away - take your time and make sure rugby is for you), we will ask you to pay monthly subscriptions (this is in addition to the annual membership fee of £20).

Your subscription covers things like kit and equipment, post game refreshments, pitch bookings & maintenance, etc.

Subscriptions Season 2023-2024

- **Mini & Junior Players - £150**
- **Mini & Junior Player (Sibling) - £75**
- **Mini & Junior Player (2nd sibling) - £75**

Subscriptions can be made monthly by Standing Order or can be paid in full at the time of registration. All payments are made through the RFU's Game Management System.



CONTACTS



For more information or to arrange an informal discussion, please email our Mini & Junior Section at

enquiries@orrellrugbyunion.com

With your name & contact details and we will arrange for the appropriate coach to contact you direct.

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or visit our website:
www.orrellrugbyunion.com

Or keep up to date with all the latest news on our social media platforms.

