

RFC Mini Festival 23rd April 2017

Festival Format & Rules



Please ensure that teams are assembled and ready to play at least 5 minutes before the scheduled kick-off time.

Teams will compete in mixed ability matches and played in the spirit of Regulation 15 - Age Grade Rugby as published by the RFU. The emphasis of this tournament is fun and player centred, but also supporting competition in the matches. We reserve the right to re-format the fixtures, if needed.

The Festival Director or representative's decision is final. Any changes to the Programme and all results will be administered via the control points.

FORMAT: Below are the levels for each age group:

U7 – 5x Pools

U8 – 4x Pools

U9 – 3x Pools

U10 – 3x Pools

U11 – 3x Pools

U12 – 2x Pools

For clarification, we will follow the NROP. For more information please refer to www.englandrugby.com/governance/regulations/.

Due to time restraints, there will be no conversions for U12s.

In the event of a drawn match no extra time is to be played (except for injury time).

A control point will be set up adjacent each age group for team registration and to provide information for coaches and match officials

The results of each match will be recorded at the control point for information only.

When all matches have been played, teams are encouraged to make their way to the clubhouse for presentation of all medals by the Festival sponsors, and where team photos can be taken.

COACHES: If one side is being entered into an age group please ensure they are mixed ability. If two or more sides are being entered into an age group also ensure they are truly mixed with the abilities split between the teams. The Festival aim is that all games are competitive and if all clubs adhere to these rules we are confident this will be a most enjoyable day for all the players.

TRFC and its organisers cannot accept liability for any injury, damage or personal loss, howsoever caused or suffered.

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TIMINGS: There will be **NO HALF TIMES**, as all matches will be played straight through due to time constraints. Game times are shown below and no extra time will be played in any games.

Age Groups	Game Times
U7	8 mins
U8	10 mins
U9	12 mins
U10	12 mins
U11	14 mins
U12	14 mins

REFEREES: All clubs have been asked to provide details of available referees prior to the festival so that they can be allocated accordingly. All nominated referees should check the refereeing schedule (a copy of which will be at each control point). Wherever possible, we will aim to avoid conflicts of interest and pre-match coaching duties. **Each age group will hold a referee briefing on Sunday at 9.30am at their age group control point, located next to their age group pitch.**

DISCIPLINE: Should there be a breach of good conduct or the Laws of the Game by a player, the Referee may recommend their substitution to a coach under the prescribed process. Coaches should take this opportunity to remove the player from the field and coach them appropriately to resolve the issue. Should the player reoffend or the Coach refuses the request, the Referee may ask for the immediate substitution of the offending player. In this instance the Player may not take any further part in the festival.

Should there be a breach of good conduct or the Laws of the Game by an adult, the Referee may stop the game to address the issue. Time will be stopped and the Pitch Marshal invited on to the field. The club coach will be officially notified of the issue and instructed to immediately resolve the matter. The game will be restarted once the issue has been dealt with. However should there be any further occurrences or other inappropriate behaviour the Referee may immediately end the game awarding the result to the non-offending side.

We will not tolerate any physical or verbal abuse of an official or volunteer.

DISPUTES: All disputes must be brought to the attention of the Pitch Marshalls who shall have full authority of the Festival Committee to rule on the dispute. Appeals against the decision of the Pitch Marshall may be made to the Festival Director, through the Central Information Desk in the Clubhouse. These rulings shall be final.

FIRST AIDERS: If a First Aider sees an injury they are to attend to it immediately. They do not require the referee's permission to go onto the pitch. All referees will be instructed accordingly. All clubs will be expected to bring a first aider for each age group.

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MATCH ORDER & TIMINGS: Kick off for the first game is 10:00 (Sunday) SHARP!
Please ensure teams are assembled and ready to play at least 5 minutes before the scheduled kick off time. With your co-operation, final games should commence approx. 4 hours later.

MEDALS & TROPHIES: A medal will be awarded to each player presented at the clubhouse by the Festival Sponsors. The number of players in each squad should be limited to the maximum recommended in the table below.

U7 team size of 4 with max number of squad players of 6
U8 team size 6, with max number of squad players of 10
U9 team size 7, with max number of squad players of 12
U10 team size 8, with max number of squad players of 13
U11 team size 9, with max number of squad players 15
U12 team size 12, with max number of squad players 18

PLAYERS: Players must be within the limits for the age groups they are representing. If any player(s) within your squad looks big for their age please bring along proof of age i.e. birth certificate/passport.

PLAYERS KIT: Mouth guards are required for all contact age groups and are encouraged throughout. In addition, players are required to play in their team kit, no tracksuits with zips or jewellery can be worn. Boots will be checked, no player will be allowed to play with unsafe footwear. Referees will be checking kit at the commencement of play and their decision is final. Please ensure that all coaches, parents and players are aware of this and we ask for your support in this area.

REGISTRATION: Please ensure that your players allow sufficient time to arrive, park and register by 9.30am. All registration forms must be handed to your Age Group control point before the start of play.

SUBSTITUTIONS: Each team may play substitutions but they can only be introduced with the permission of the referee.

MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL: enjoy your rugby!

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