

MINI & JUNIOR GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Responsibilities of Parents, Coaches, Managers and Helpers

Under guidance from Middlesex Rugby Football Union, Coaches, Managers and Helpers cannot take legal responsibility or act in parentis loco for players whose parent or guardian leaves them during a session. Therefore parents cannot treat the club as a crèche and must remain responsible at all times.

Child Protection

All coaches, managers and first aiders will be vetted as a condition of joining Twickenham RFC Mini and Junior section. Failure to agree to this requirement will automatically lead to their application for membership being rejected. Any suspicious incident must be reported immediately to the Chairman.

Management and Coaches

Twickenham RFC Mini and Junior section is run by a Management Team consisting of the Officers of the individual sections. Decisions of the Management Team are final in the operation of each section. Parents, guardians and carers are encouraged to raise any issue with the Officers or the Management Team, which meets monthly. Lead coaches are to be supported in their leadership of their age group. Any issues regarding a child (health, attendance etc) should be brought to the Lead Coach's attention. Lead coaches have the final say in selection matters and the organisation of the age group. Parents must accept the decisions of Lead Coaches graciously. Any of the Officers may be consulted should a parent have any issue with a Lead coach / coach.

Behaviour

Players and supporters of any Twickenham RFC team are expected to uphold the traditions of the game in terms of behaviour and generosity to all players and officials. Specifically players and supporters must not question the decisions of match officials. Swearing and abuse is specifically discouraged. Players, coaches and parents will be reprimanded for foul language and inappropriate behaviour, resulting ultimately in expulsion from the club, at the discretion of the Management Team.

Club Support and Communication

The Mini and Junior sections are run on a volunteer basis. All parents and guardians are expected to support the club by actively participating in the functioning of the club helping with organising an age group, coaching if qualified, organising social events, tour preparation and other activities as requested. Club communication is principally by email, via the club website www.twickenhamrugby.co.uk or by telephone. Parents must notify the registration secretary of any changes to their email and home address.

Club Premises

Parents and guardians are responsible for their children at all times. Specifically all parents, guardians and children must abide by the rules of Twickenham RFC. No one will be allowed into the bar area in muddy clothing. Changing facilities and showers are available and must be used if a child is to enter the clubhouse. Entry will be refused at the discretion of Twickenham. Whilst on club premises all club members are expected to behave courteously to fellow users of the club. Parents and guardians are responsible for their child's safety on club premises and should acquaint themselves and their child with the hazardous areas, e.g. stairs, doors and car park.

Fees

Parents or guardians must promptly pay for registration fees. There are registration days on where all registration fees should be paid. In cases of difficulty in paying the fees, please consult the Treasurer or Chairman, where alternative methods of payment such as monthly standing orders or direct debits will be considered.