

Colchester Rugby Club

Mini Section Report AGM 26/04/2018

My apologies for not being able to attend tonight. This has been my first season involved with the Mini section and boy what a steep learning curve it's been. I am hugely excited for the next season, obvious with a few months off in between.

Numbers

As of March the Minis Section had 332 paid up registered members. I believe this is line with previous years if not slightly up. I hope next season for the numbers to stay around the same level. We are one on the largest Minis Section in the area and have just enough coaches and volunteers to support the current numbers.

Rugby

The Mini section put in some miles and enjoy a good number to fixtures though out the season. Thanks to our dedicated Fixtures secretary Julie Gardner we attend; regular fixtures home and away, several festivals and even go on tour. Our U11's and 12's hosted a successful festival in February albeit with a delayed start so the pitches could thaw out. It was a chilly day but the sun was out and the children had a brilliant day. Sadly, the U7's – 10's weren't so lucky with the weather in March. Their festival had to be cancelled due to snow on the ground and a minus wind chill factor in double figures.

Our coaching volunteers have been up skilling themselves and attending the appropriate course for their levels thanks to our Club Coaching Coordinator Alex Lacey.

Next Season

There will a strong focus on our Kids First pledge next season, the children will be demonstrating the core values; Respect, Teamwork, Enjoyment, Discipline and Sportsmanship to earn the reward of the Kids First green laces to wear with pride. Alex again is working the coaching teams. Some of whom are going to Twickenham this weekend for a Kids First event. Alex is looking to embed a system of recognition throughout the age groups around the core values with ultimate reward being their green laces. Its hope this will be photographically documented, so keep your eyes peeled. *Have I mentioned Kids First enough?*

Thank you again to everyone involved with the Mini Section and the club as a whole for their time and support.

Kind Regards
Cheryl Bourne
Mini Section Chairperson