

Oldham St Annes ARLFC Youth Section 2020



Minions – u18's



Members Handbook

Welcome



Welcome to Oldham St Annes ARLFC Youth Section.

Oldham St Annes ARLFC Youth Section has Clubmark Gold accreditation, with all coaches holding the correct coaching qualification. In addition, all coaches and volunteers are fully CRB checked.

Oldham St Annes ARLFC Youth Section currently operates teams from Cubs to Under 18s. The season has now switched to a summer season and now runs from March to November, with the occasional weekend free when it's the school holidays. In the age groups, Cubs to 11s, they can operate as a mixed sex team, but from Under 12s upwards it can only be male only. If any female players do want to carry on after the age of 11, then Oldham St Annes ARLFC Youth Section would help that player to find a suitable female team in the area, as the female sport is starting to take off across the country. At this present moment in time, Oldham St Annes ARLFC Youth Section does not provide an all female team; hopefully this may change in the future.

Oldham St Annes ARLFC Youth Section has a proud history, providing an excellent platform for a professional career. Many professional players learned their trade here with the 'Saints', and who knows, you maybe the next Iestyn Harris, Kyle Eastmond, Chris Clarke or Mike Ford.

We hope that you enjoy your time here with Oldham St Annes ARLFC Youth Section, and that you enjoy your rugby.

Enjoy your sport

Barry Wardle



LEAGUES & COMPETITIONS

Oldham St Annes ARLFC Youth Section currently plays in the North West Counties league organisation from Under 7s to Under 18s. The structure is as follows: -

Cubs – Ages 4 to 6 – Train Only – Tag Festivals – Training Games

Under 7s-9s – Play Friendlies – No League/Competition - Full Tackle – 9 a-side

Under 10s-11s – Play Friendlies – No League/Competition - 11 a-side

Under 12s – Play Friendlies – No League – Cup Competitions – 13 a-side

Under 13s-18s – League Structure – Cup Competitions – 13 a-side

In joining Oldham St Annes ARLFC Youth Section, the player will find that the coaches and club pride themselves on being equal, fair and understanding. However, if any parent or child has concerns, then they can speak to any of the following people: -

- 1) Their respective **Team coach**, if an amicable resolution cannot be met, then,
- 2) The **Team Manager** if an amicable resolution cannot be met, then,
- 3) The **Chairperson** of the Youth Section.

By having the following procedure in place, coupled with a **Child Protection Officer**, any problems that any player, or parent may face can be dealt with in a professional and discrete manner. Remember, Oldham St Annes ARLFC are a **'ListeningClub'**.

All the above contact numbers are listed at the back of this booklet



JOINING

When joining Oldham St Annes ARLFC Youth Section, the player/parent must complete the RFL Registration Form, which your coach will give on request. With that documentation, two copies of a passport sized photograph, complete with the players name and club to be written on the reverse of the photos. In addition, a copy of one of the following documents, not an original, is needed - Birth Certificate, Passport or Medical Card. Once the coach has received all the relevant documents, the club will forward this onto the relevant registration secretary within the league organisation. The processing time is pretty quick these days to come through. Until such time, the player cannot play on match days as they will not be either insured, or registered with the RFL. So please be patient during this time.

TRANSFERRING FROM A CLUB OR LEAVING OLDHAM ST ANNES

If the player has arrived from another club, then a transfer form must be filled in by Oldham St Annes ARLFC Youth Section and their previous club. This form must be submitted, complete with the players' registration card and the RFL Registration Form, completed as above. Any player transferring into or out of Oldham St Annes ARLFC Youth Section - all monies, kit and commitments must be fulfilled to either club before the transfer form is signed off.

TRAINING

Oldham St Annes ARLFC Youth Section provides training facilities for all teams. During the spring and summer months, training is provided on a grassed pitch for all teams. During the winter months, outdoor floodlit training venues are provided for all teams, and indoor training for the Cubs. For training venues, and times, please contact your team coach.

Please ensure that your training kit is suited to the venue and weather. Training is an important part of any sport. It is here where the coaches can deliver sessions to improve the players individual and team skills. The coaches give up a lot of their spare time, planning training sessions around key areas, by doing this they can maximise the time they have with their players. Please respect this.



PLAYING KIT

The Clubs home colours are primarily Green & Gold and all the kit across the club will be of the same design, as decided by the Committee.

It is required that each player purchase their own playing shorts & socks from www.oneills.co.uk

A playing top will be provided

All kit provided by the club is the property of Oldham St Annes ARLFC Youth Section, and must be returned at the end of the season, if the player leaves the club, or if the coach requests. If any kit is not returned, then the club will ask for full re-imbursment of issuing a replacement.

The wearing of head guards is at the parents/guardians discretion.

The wearing of gum shields/mouth guards is not compulsory, but specialist advice must be taken by the players' dentist.

The wearing of jewellery, gloves, shin pads and boots that have metal blades are NOT PERMITTED whatsoever.

SPONSORSHIP

Like all amateur sports, running a sporting club is a great expense. One of the greatest expenses is playing kit. Ideally, the club would like to replace the kit every year with a new strip, but that comes at a hefty cost, especially when you consider how many teams come under the Oldham St Annes ARLFC Youth Section umbrella. If any parent, guardian, family member or friend can help with sponsoring a team, or help with any aspect of sponsorship, please contact your coach.

Clubs like Oldham St Annes need support from everyone, and if you know someone who can help, please let the club know. Every contribution is greatly received.



MEMBERSHIP FEES/SUBSCRIPTION

As you can imagine, the costs of running an amateur sporting club are rising every year, and it is very hard to keep the costs at a minimum. By doing so, it allows the sport to be accessed by all. All monies received will give us much needed revenue that can be issued back into the club for equipment, kit, electricity, water, pitch hire, training facilities, insurance etc.

All we ask is the following: -

- i) All players must be made full members of the club. This is done by filling out a membership form, complete with the membership fee £15
- ii) A Club Donation Of £15 per month by Standing Order over a 12 month period, or
- iii) By paying £180 Cash before the season starts.

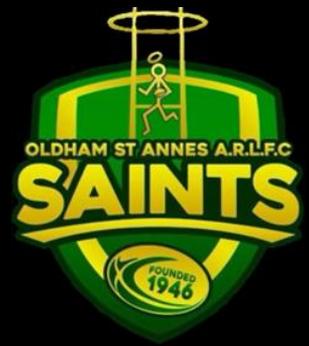
All Standing Order/Membership details must be completed before the season start.

On Membership, the first adult named on the Membership Form will be issued with a Membership Card that will be current for that season only. This will allow the holder various discounts across the club. For additional membership, please fill in another Membership Form. However, if there two or more children playing at club, the first adult named on the second child's Membership Form will be made a member. Oldham St Annes ARLFC retains the right to revoke the Membership at anytime. If a card is lost, a replacement will be issued at a cost of £5.

By making a player a 'member' of Oldham St Annes ARLFC Youth Section, and with the relevant documentation, the 'member' will be registered with their relevant age group team. Oldham St Annes ARLFC Youth Section recommends that the player represent his/her respective age group, and not the age group above. However, if there are exceptional circumstances, then the Youth Section Committee can be approached.

If any parent or guardian struggles to meet the above fees, then please speak to your coach who will treat the matter with utmost discretion. The club will always ensure that the club can be accessed by all.

We like to feel Oldham St Annes ARLFC Youth Section provides good value for money compared to other sports. If at any time, anyone has suggestions that can help improve this service, please let your coach, or committee member know.



EQUALITY

Oldham St Annes ARLFC Youth Section is committed to ensure that equality is incorporated across all aspects of its development. By doing so it acknowledges and adopts the following 'Sport England' definition of sports equality.

Sports equality is about fairness in sport, equality of access, recognizing inequalities and taking steps to address them. It is about changing the culture and structure of sport to ensure that it becomes equally accessible to everyone in society.

Oldham St Annes ARLFC Youth Section respects the rights, dignity and worth of every person and will treat everyone equally within the context of Rugby League, regardless of age, gender, race, ethnicity, religious belief, sexuality, or social/economic status.

Oldham St Annes ARLFC Youth Section is committed to everyone having the right to enjoy Rugby League in an environment free from threat of intimidation, harassment and abuse.

All members of Oldham St Annes ARLFC Youth Section have a responsibility to oppose discriminatory behaviour and promote equality of opportunity.

Oldham St Annes ARLFC Youth Section will respond with any incidence of discriminatory behaviour seriously, according to club disciplinary procedures.



MATCH DAYS

Games are normally scheduled for Sunday mornings with varying kick off times depending on the volume of teams playing at home. The team coach will issue details of the next game as soon as the matches have been confirmed. If the game is an away fixture, then directions will also be given. It is important that all players attend both home and away fixtures. The home pitches are as follows:-

Under 7s, 8s & 9s – Main Pitch & Training Pitch – Clubhouse

Under 10s & 11 – Mini Training Pitch – Clubhouse

Under 12s – Stoneleigh Park/Training Pitch - Clubhouse

Under 13s – Stoneleigh Park/Training Pitch – Clubhouse

Under 14s, 15s, 16s & 18s – Main pitch/Stoneleigh Park - Clubhouse

If the player is playing at a 'home' venue away from the clubhouse, then the team will still change before and after games at the clubhouse. The clubhouse offers the use of changing facilities, toilets and showers.

Please respect the facilities. Anyone who is found to be abusing the facilities will be asked to attend a disciplinary as per the club constitution. If anyone sees anyone who is not respecting the facility, please contact the nearest coach. It is everyone's responsibility to ensure the facilities are kept in a pristine condition.

After all games, food and refreshments are available for both the home and away sides. Food & drink is also available for purchase.

Remember, by not letting the coach or team manger know of the player's availability, could be the difference of a team playing or not playing. In addition, if games are cancelled at the last minute due to player shortage, the club can be made to pay for any league fines and for costs i.e. covering food. - Whether home or away.

Therefore it is very important that all players arrive at the specified venue and on time, as kick off times have to be adhered to - more so when a referee is appointed at any of the games.

From Cubs to Under 12s it may be necessary that either the home or away team coach will referee the game. It is important that whoever officiates is a qualified COACH to a minimum of LEVEL 1. If a qualified member of Oldham St Annes ARLFC is asked to coach, it is important to follow the guidelines below:-

- i) Referee the game fairly, honestly and to the rules set down by the RFL and NWC for the appropriate age group.
- ii) Any queries with the rules, discuss with both coaches/teams before the game starts.
- iii) If you need to speak to a player at any time, please do so in front of that players coach – not alone on the pitch.
- iv) Observe all aspects of player's safety and act accordingly at all times.



CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS

As a member of Oldham St Annes ARLFC Youth Section the member is expected to abide by the following junior code of conduct:

All members must play within the rules and respect referees and their decisions.

It is unacceptable to be rude or to argue with referees.

All members must respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants, regardless of gender, ability, cultural background, appearance or religion.

Members should keep to agreed timings for training and matches or inform their coach if they are going to be late or unavailable.

Members must wear suitable training kit at training sessions – boots – long sport socks, shorts and suitable top. Full kit will be provided on match days (shirt, shorts and socks) – kit is the property of Oldham St Annes ARLFC Youth Section.

It is advisable to have a warm tracksuit and waterproof jacket for cold or rainy weather at both training and matches.

Junior members are not allowed to smoke on club premises or whilst representing the club at competitions and, as sportsmen and women should avoid smoking at any time.

Junior members are not allowed to consume alcohol or drugs of any kind on the club premises or whilst representing the club.

Any persons reported to break the Code of Conduct will be asked to attend a Disciplinary meeting at the club, and if found guilty, will be punished accordingly.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS



As a member of Oldham St Annes ARLFC Youth Section you are Expected to abide by the following Code of Conduct for Parents/Guardians:

Encourage your child to learn the rules and play within them.

Discourage unfair play and arguing with officials.
Help your child to recognize good performance, not just results.

Never force your child to take part in sport.

Set a good example by recognizing fair play and applauding good performance of all.

Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes.

Publicly accept officials' judgments.

Support your child's involvement and help them to enjoy their sport.

Use correct and proper language at all times – no foul language.

Encourage and guide players to accept responsibility for their own performance and behaviour.

Emphasize that rugby league is a TEAM GAME and everyone has an important role to play.

Have trust in the officials and coaches to deal with situations on the field as they see fit.

NEVER enter the field of play or interfere with the match unless requested by the referee.

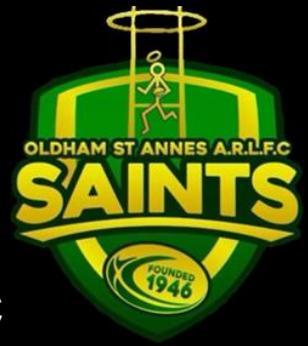
The only people to contact League Officials are Coaches, and Club Officials. If there are any problems, see your coach, and, or a Club Official.

Remember you represent Oldham St Annes ARLFC Youth Section just as much as your child please set the standard.

Help ensure all visiting teams are made welcome at your club and that you are a good ambassador for the club whilst playing away.
Make sure your coach is aware of any problems or concerns your child may have with any other player and never encourage your child to take matters into their own hands.

Ensure you know the meeting time for matches and times for training sessions, that your child is properly equipped and that they have a safe method of getting home afterwards.

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OLDHAM ST ANNES ARLFC
YOUTH SECTION COMMITTEE

These positions are correct as Jan 2020

Chairperson:- **Barry Wardle 07720773685**

Vice Chairperson:- **John Charlton 07984941401**

Treasurer:- **Elaine Wardle 07808157148**

7-15 Secretary:- **Hazel Charlton 07415947311**

16-18 Secretary:- **Yvonne Davies 07809722921**

Welfare Officer:- **Gemma Rodway 07429593233**

Press Officer:- **Dave Charles 07986761556**

Open Age Link:- **Dianne Ward 07745707995**

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COACH CONTACTS



These positions are correct as Jan 2020

Minions :- Rob Fletcher 07803032529

Under 6's:- Damian Hare 07367161919

Under 7's :- Carl Fields 07926097510

Under 8's :- Craig Armstrong 07843657744

Under 9's :- Andy Deakin 07773386170

Under 10's :- Antony Fitton 07398180261

Under 11's :- Barry Wardle 07720773685

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Under 12 's :- Steven Leyland 07976121955

Under 13's :- Ryan Dibden 07484786336

Under 14's :- Lee Rodway 07455935459

Under 16's :- Lee Turner 07922873893

Under 18's :- Ivan Taylor 07908727007