

Youth/Minis Fundraising – use of funds.

Background.

Generally speaking, the cost of running/operating the Youth and Mini's section of the club are partially covered by Subscriptions, sponsorship and various Fundraising activities throughout the year. The Club covers all other costs such as; equipment, maintenance, wages, transport, training facilities, and other general overheads

Subscriptions speak for themselves, and all players contribute in this way. In exchange they all receive the essentials that are required to train and play the game throughout a standard season, either during the week or on a Saturday/Sunday. Subscriptions do not cover Tours (the costs of which must be covered by other means) or other events such as presentation functions. Sponsorship speaks for itself.

Fundraising is different, in that it is raised by the inspiration and hard work of individual teams, or, at times, several teams working together. This said, it is obvious that any fundraising must initially be seen as being for the overall benefit of the Youth and Mini's in general, and not specifically for the team that raised the funds. Fundraising helps with the general running of the whole Youth section and the Club itself.

However, for some time now the Board has been considering ways in which teams that raise funds can be rewarded in some way, as an incentive, without straying from the core values we hold, with the ultimate aim of furthering the game of Rugby Union and developing individual players/teams to achieve the highest level that they can.

With this in mind, it is felt to be right that those teams that take the time, and make the effort, to raise funds on behalf of the whole Youth/Mini's section, should also be able to benefit themselves i.e. as a Team, in some way for their efforts.

Policy.

From the start of the 2018/19 season the following will apply:-

- Any team is welcome to approach the Board to ask for financial assistance towards any specific project that will contribute towards the furtherance of the Team or the Club.
- In deciding whether/how much funding support will be provided, the Board will take into account:-

The purpose of the project

The total cost of the project

How inclusive it will be, i.e. who will be taking part

What fundraising has been undertaken in the last 12 months by the Team(s) involved in the project.

How much are the participants contributing themselves.

How beneficial the project will be to the Team/Club

Is there any specific, outside sponsorship, available towards the overall cost

N.B. Any funding needs to be agreed **PRIOR to any commitment to expenditure being made by individual teams. Retrospective agreement can not be relied upon, as not all projects will gain support.**

All requests are to be made through the Chairman of Youth/Mini Rugby.

Remember – requests are open to all teams and will be subject to the above, however, the amount of fundraising that any team has done will be a major factor in deciding whether a project will be supported, and how much will be agreed.

It has been thought necessary to put some sort of policy in place as fundraising has been extremely successful over the last 2 seasons and it is thought to be appropriate that those teams that work hardest should be rewarded.

This is a new concept for the Club and has been discussed at some length before being put in place. As it is new, there may well be teething problems, but overall, as long as they have been well thought through, we would like to think that requests will be looked at in a positive way.