

## Barnes RFC Youth

### GMS Player Registration Process for Season 2023/24

**Background:** The RFU requires that all club players, including those from Under 6 up to Under 18s, have a registration with a club for each season in order to play rugby, which has to be recorded on their Game Management System (GMS). One result of this is that all players then have an “RFU Number” which we are sometimes asked for in festival and competition entries. The registration process is now parent-led for age grade players up to their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, rather than being initiated by the club, which was formerly the case. All players must, therefore, also have a parent account in GMS linked to the player’s account. For those parents who are coaches, their GMS account is also the record of coaching qualifications. Once Colts players reach their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, they have to manage their own account and parents can also provide approval for those 14+ to administer their own accounts. Re-registration is required for players on an annual basis at the start of each new rugby season. There is no fee.

The login page for GMS is <https://gms.rfu.com/GMS/Account/Login>.

**Re-Registration for 23/24:** if your child was up to date with their GMS registration last season, the RFU will send you in early July 2023 an email with request to confirm and update the registration for the new season. When completed, which is a very quick 3-click process, nothing else is needed.

#### ***If, however, you did not re-register (or affiliate) your child last season:***

**A. IF BOTH PARENT AND CHILD GMS ACCOUNTS ALREADY EXIST** the relevant parent with the account just needs to log in to THEIR account. You will see your child linked to you in the Family & Friends panel on the left of the screen. Click on the Child’s profile and you will see a button to **Register** (as an age grade player) to click on. It may ask you to update some details before completing the process. If you cannot log into your parent account simply because you do not know the log in credentials, (or do not know which parent has the account) we can tell you your user name (your email address may work) and then you can verify your email and reset your password. Your email to which reset messages will go (please check junk folders if not seen) is likely to be the same as on your primary teamsnap account if the original registration was by the Club.

**B. IF ONLY A CHILD GMS ACCOUNT ALREADY EXISTS.** The parent first has to create a new GMS account in their name. Click on **Create New Account** under **Get Started on [log in page](#)**. In the Family & Friends pane, then **+Add** a person. Enter your child’s details and the system should generate a match for you to accept. If it does not, let us know and we can generate the relationship and link the parent and player accounts. Once a link is created, you can register your child as in part A above..

**C. IF NEITHER PARENT OR CHILD HAS A GMS ACCOUNT.** First create a new GMS account with YOUR details as parent. From the above link, click on Create New Account under Get Started as above. In the My Organisations pane, click +Add and search for Barnes RFC to establish your link with Barnes rugby. Then return to the Family & Friends pane and click +Add person / **Add Child** to create their profile. Then register them to Barnes Rugby.

#### **OTHER:**

Please note that you do not need to enter an email address for your child, unless they will soon be 18 and/or if you want them (f U14+) to start to administer their own GMS account – it is generally better not to until they have their own email address.

You will probably be asked to check some details like emergency contacts, which do not populate automatically for linked accounts, before you can save the affiliation..

If you have more than one child to [re-]affiliate, then return the Dashboard and repeat the above process.

For players who have not previously been linked to Barnes, your affiliation(s) may need to be confirmed by the Club, which we will complete within a few days

**Membership:** you do NOT need to do anything at this stage; ignore the Buy Membership buttons as youth membership of Barnes RFC is handled separately through Teamsnap.

Take a note of the **Player RFU number** for your child which the system generates. This can be entered on teamsnap when you next register your child there.

In the event of **queries on the process**, please contact your age group manager or [membership@barnesyouthrugby.org](mailto:membership@barnesyouthrugby.org)

Thank you.