



BRFC Minis & Juniors Newsletter

2019/20 Season

Chairperson - Daimon Evans

As M&J Chairperson, I would like to take this time to reflect on a positive season off and on the pitch last season and welcome you to the up and coming season

The Minis have enjoyed positive player number in all the age groups and have attended some new festivals and with a full fixture list for this coming season with some venue changes I am sure the coming season going to be as much fun,

Junior's age groups regularly putting out 2 sides at most age groups and player number continue to grow, Making BRFC one of the biggest M&J sections if not the biggest in Berkshire and we are keen to keep supporting all rugby.

Whilst we had some challenges last season with pitch 2 being closed which was a challenge but the M&J pulled together to overcome this challenge

Pitch 2 will be playable as well as a 2nd pitch at Calfridus giving BRFC 5 pitches for the 1st time in its history

The M&J Socials events have been well supported by the M&J and the last major club event finished with some fantastic support across the age groups and its really positive to see our club member seeing the positive affect from supporting the Club so we can further support the children's rugby experiences.

We are looking to create some more M&J events and I am sure they will continue to be popular with our members as we continue to build a One Club ethos

The vision I share at the start of the season was BRFC M&J was to be a united #OneClub#:

1. To create an active, purposeful, enjoyable and safe environment where all players may develop to the best of their abilities
2. To adopt the long-term player development model as the template to retain and develop young players and to encourage their continued adult participation.
3. To provide coaches with a structure within which they can develop players
4. To place the needs of the child first and encourage an atmosphere and environment where winning matches is neither the sole nor most important measure of success

I feel the Age group Manger and coaches have worked tirelessly to deliver the above, I am truly gratefully for all the hard work they put in, and I am sure they will continue the good work into the upcoming season.

The volunteers and children make our club so enjoyable to be an apart of and I am sure we can continue the good working into the coming season and take on some more challenges together as we look to go from strength to strength.

Here are some of the changes on and off the pitch in 2018/19 and in the coming season

1. New pitch 1 post & Rail fence
2. New electric score board funding supported by M&J
3. #OneClub# parties x 2 (race night & Bingo night)
4. RFU raffle funds raised reinvested in 3 x New Benches
5. Football pitch at Calfridus becoming our 5th pitch for 2019/20 season
6. Area cleared and seeded to create scrum sledge area
7. RFU GMS system membership to support club and age groups
8. New focus on supporting M&J coaches on and off the pitch going forward
9. U13s and U15s Girls teams will be in place for the 2019/20 season
10. Pitch 2 ready for September with new rugby posts.
11. Purchase of M&J kids picnic bench
12. New posts up side of pitch 1 to provide light up pitch 1 path
13. New light around exterior and in club house thanks to John Humphries in U13s & Robus
14. Mobile light used to support training on pitch 3 in the evenings

It's great to see we are moving forward and I am sure we will continue the good work this season

We take player welfare very seriously at BRFC and I would urge all parents to look at the RFU parents head case course. <http://www.englandrugbyfiles.com/concussion/courses/parents/>

The RFU have seen a culture change in sideline behavior and player's Discipline and to support Clubs and to stop this behavior from become acceptable ,The RFU have release some new rule & laws for Parents and player, The age group Manager and Coaches will follow the new rules and regs will share the specific changes with each age group. It is important we are supportive of these changes going forward as it is the whole clubs responsibility to follow the changes to make the game enjoyable for all.

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There has also been a change to the players RFU registration process, with parents needing to register the players every season. To keep contact and medial information up to date. This is done via the RFU (Game, Management, System) GMS which is an online registration system, Whilst Club membership is online via the club website. The require information will be sent via the age group manager.

The Club & the M&J have been working hard to produce a M&J shirt for all our member to be able to purchase as in recent year it wasn't possible to buy a replica club shirt, So it great to be able to announce the M&J players will be able to purchase a Club replica shirt. The purchase price has reduced through sponsorship to £30 and your age group manager will have more info and design in the coming weeks

I would like to thank everyone for your support last season and I am looking forward to seeing you all at the start of the season after an enjoyable summer break.

Regards,

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