



Mini & Junior Rugby Return To Rugby 2020/21 Season Parents/Carers Guidance

Welcome Back!

I hope everyone is well and looking forward to getting back to rugby? We are excited about rugby at Didsbury Toc H playing its part in helping the children feel like life is returning to some normality.

It seems a long time since we were all down at the club but it is really exciting to be returning this weekend.

There has been a lot of change down at Didsbury Sports Ground since March and there is a new committee running the facility and grounds. It is exciting times ahead with a renewed focus of the two main sports played there, Rugby and Football. We will look to communicate more about all this as the season unfolds.

For now I want to provide some simple guidance for the next few weeks.

Current Situation

For those of you that wish to you can get the latest guidance from the RFU website, Returning to Rugby Roadmap. This is a six stage approach to a full return to competitive rugby matches and we are currently allowed to operate at Stage D.

All age group coaches are up to speed with what the Roadmap actually means in practical terms and will be following the guidelines when we start back on Sunday.

Safety of all, particularly the children, is paramount and is the core of all that we are doing. We are confident that what we have planned will deliver safe and fun rugby over the coming weeks and months.

What we need you to do

Training start and finish times will be posted out to you by your age group coach, although I include them below for your reference. Below are the key points we need to ask of you:

- Arrive promptly for your child's training time
- As much as possible walk or cycle down to the club

- Upon arrival enter via the main car park gate and onto the playing fields to the left side of the main front car park (at the end of the green fence)
- Identify your child's age group training zone (flags will be up to make this clear) and take your child directly to that coned off area.
- Identify the coach or parent who is taking a register of players
- Update the register with all relevant details to assist with Track and Trace
- Ideally one parent/carer per child
- Assist, if necessary, in keeping your child to their training area
- Watch and support around the perimeter of your child's training area, maintaining safe social distancing from other parents
- Food and hot drinks will be available to all parents throughout the morning from the gazebo in front of the clubhouse, feel free to go and get whatever you fancy but please then return over to your child's training area.
- Be available during training to take your child to the toilet if required (children are to use toilets in changing block)
- At end of training session assist in directing your child to gazebo with other team mates, where they will be brought their hotdog (if you leaving straight after session please inform coach)
- Exit facility via the rear car park behind the changing room block

General Points

- Each child to have their own water bottle and this is not to be shared
- All children are to hand sanitise on arrival and at the end of session (coaches will supply this)
- Annual Subscriptions remaining the same as last year (more will follow about how to pay during September)
- Everyone to follow Government Guidance regarding general social distancing
- The clubhouse will be open to adults only and should be used to a minimum - **NO CHILDREN ALLOWED IN THE CLUBHOUSE AT THIS TIME**
- Clearly if you, your child or anyone else in your household is displaying any potential signs of COVID please do not attend rugby and only return when it is safe to do so

NB We obviously understand that many families have more than one child playing at the club and would simply ask that you use common sense regarding movement between different age groups and limit unnecessary contacts.

Age Group training times throughout September:

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Training Zone</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>Finish</u>	<u>Food</u>
U6's	One	10am	10.45am	10.45 - 11am
U7's	Two	10am	10.45am	10.45 - 11am
U8's	Three	10am	11am	11 - 11.15am
U9's	Four	10am	11am	11 - 11.15am
U10's	Five	10.15am	11.15am	11.15 - 11.30am
U11's	Six	10.15am	11.15am	11.15 - 11.30am
U12's	One	11am	12pm	12 - 12.15 pm
U13's	Two	11am	12pm	12 - 12.15pm

U14's **Three/Four** **11am** **12.15pm** **12.15 - 12.30pm**

Training zones will be as follows:

- Zone One** To the left in front of clubhouse
- Zone Two** To the right in front of clubhouse
- Zone Three** Left half of first rugby pitch
- Zone Four** Right half of first rugby pitch
- Zone Five** Left half of second rugby pitch
- Zone six** Right half of second rugby pitch

The food gazebos will be set up to the far right in front of the clubhouse.

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