



OVENDEN ARLFC Club Background

Ovenden Amateur Rugby League Football Club is a non-profit making voluntary sports organisation and was founded in 1939. It prides itself in its ability to produce its own talented players and involve children and young people, from its local community, in rugby league.

Ovenden ARLFC is based in the North of Halifax, West Yorkshire and serves the local areas of Ovenden, Illingworth, and Mixenden which are all within the metropolitan district of Calderdale.

The wider membership, be they players, committee members or supporters are mostly from the local area, often spanning generations of local families who have played for the club or still bring their children to play for the club. Others come from all over Halifax as the club develops players in their early years and see them move on to play in many of the oetehr open age teams in the Calderdale area as mature and talented players. A succession of junior players moves onto the professional ranks and international honours, which makes Ovenden a grass-roots 'breeding ground' for local talent.

The club has a long tradition and good reputation area and runs eight junior teams, from under 8's to under 18's, two open-age teams and an Under 15 and Under 13 girl's rugby teams. The club has recently been awarded 'Clubmark' status and are moving into their third season since their return to the National Conference League.

Volunteers are vital to prosperity and future of the club at all levels whether coaches, team managers, league representatives or helpers with match day arrangements or giving a hand in the social facility.

Currently there are some 40 volunteers, twelve of whom serve on the club committee which is responsible for all aspects for the running of the club.

During the 2007-08 season the following teams will be:-

- National Conference League Division Two
- Pennine League Open Age Division One
- Junior and Youth development teams will form teams at under 8s, 10s, 12s, 14s, 15s, and under 18s
- two girls Teams made an outstanding start under the Ovenden colours beeiung named as teh national outstanding team under the Girl's Amateur Rugby League Association development

This coming season rugby programme will involve over 150 young players, and over 50 seniors, 16 coaches at all levels, and 12 team managers. The club has nearly 300 members.