



Tring RUFC Mini Rugby Festival 19th March 2017

Welcome

Welcome to all players and spectators to the Tring Mini Rugby Festival 2017. The emphasis of our tournament has always been fun and enjoyment and we urge everybody to embrace the principles that make Rugby the great game it is including Sportsmanship and respect for the opposition. Encourage and applaud good rugby – we will see plenty on show throughout the festival!

Good luck to all.

Important Information:

1. All players must be registered with their clubs and eligible to play in the age group in which they are entered. All squad sheets must be completed and handed to the tournament age group Pitch marshals the beginning of the festival.
2. All clubs must provide a referee and should attend the meeting in their respective age groups at **9:30am on the age group pitches.**
3. Car parking facilities are rented from the Pendley Manor Hotel next to the club. However please take notice that no responsibility can be taken by either Pendley Manor Hotel, TringRugby or its officers for any damage howsoever caused. **Car parking will be £3 per car.**
4. TringRugby and its officers will not accept any responsibility for the loss of valuables or personal items left anywhere in the clubs grounds. Lost items found – Please hand into the clubhouse.
5. Please act safely and responsibly at all times. TringRugby will not accept responsibility for injury howsoever caused. In particular spectators are reminded that the grounds may be slippery and that they must stand well back from the touchlines when watching games, please take note of referees instructions.
6. Spectators must not walk or go on the pitches at any time – we need to preserve the pitches and this rule will be enforced – please tell your parent group attending.
7. Do not leave clothes or personal belongings in the changing rooms.
8. For safety and insurance reasons barbecues will not be permitted in the club grounds. Our club Barbecues will be in operation all day.
9. Match balls must remain under the control of the referees or pitch marshals at all times and practice balls will not be provided.
- 10. No dogs allowed onsite except guide dogs.**

Tournament Rules

- Referees/Coaches meeting on the age groups pitch area at 9:30am

1. The laws of the RFU continuum will apply for all age groups.
2. The referees decision is final on all matters on the field of play
3. Any player sent off may not play in any further games in this tournament.
4. In the event of a clash of colours the team named 1st in the match fixtures will be required to play in bibs or an alternate kit.

5. **RFU SQUAD SIZES APPLY AT ALL AGE GROUPS.**

U7 –	6 in a squad, 4 in a match.
U8 –	Max 8 in a squad, 6 in a match.
U9 –	Max 11 in a squad, 7 in a match.
U10 –	Max 12 in a squad, 8 in a match.
U11 -	Max 14 in a squad, 9 in a match.
U12 -	Max 18 in a squad, 12 in a match.

6. **Playing Times:**
 - Under 7 & Under 8's - 5 minutes each half 1 minute halftime break
 - Under 9 and Under 10's - 6 minutes each half 1 minute halftime break
 - Under 11 and Under 12's - 7 minutes each half 1 minute halftime break
 - ***Injury time will not be added in games*** except where a serious injury occurs that SIGNIFICANTLY delays the game; referees will use common sense in these situations and signal when they are stopping the time played in the match.
7. In accordance with RFU guidelines **no** extra time or sudden death will be played in any match.
8. Conversions will not be kicked.
9. Any team not ready to play at their allotted time will forfeit the match or have to play with the numbers available.
10. No scoring to be kept except the U12's fixtures.

Scoring System

In accordance with Hert's RFU advice, U7, U8, U9, U9, U10 and U11, there will be no scores kept.

U12's - Each age group will play in a league format with each game having the following scoring format:

Win = 2 points

Draw = 1 points

Loss = 0 point

Winner of the league receive the trophy (U12's only) to be presented at the end of the league matches by the clubhouse.

In the event of 2 teams being tied on the same number of points at the end of the leagues the winning team will be decided by:

1. The team having scored the most tries in the competition.
2. The team having conceded the least tries in the competition.



In the event of all the above being a draw, both teams will share the trophy Tring Festival organisers will award a trophy on the day and send another trophy to the other team afterwards.

All day at the Tournament:

- BBQ –Serving Bacon, Burgers and Hot Dogs.
- Tea and Coffee stalls.
- Sweet and soft drink stalls.
- Tyler’s sportswear stall.
- Ice cream outlet.
- Bar (from 11:30 am).
- Changing room (do not leave valuables unattended) and showers.
- Ladies and Gents toilets (in clubhouse and between 1st and 2nd pitches).

Spirit of the tournament:

We understand the desire to win matches/ tournaments but the TringRugby mini festival has always been a fun festival of rugby and camaraderie where those who play the game have the opportunity to applaud and be applauded for their skills on the pitch.

We encourage ALL spectators and coaches to show support and encourage all those playing the game we love.

We know in the excitement of a match, encouragement for your player and team is appreciated but please show respect for the opposition, the referee and all the volunteer coaches at the same time.

We look forward to welcoming everyone to Tring and we hope you have a great day on and off the field of play.

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Tring Tournament Director.