



Minehead Barbarians RFC

Minis and Juniors Membership Pack

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A warm welcome to MBRFC

Dear Parent,

Many thanks for bringing your young player(s) along to Minehead Barbarians RFC and we hope it will prove an enjoyable experience over the coming season.

The Mini and Junior section is one of the most successful in the region but we are always looking to welcome new players and to build on what has been achieved in previous seasons.

Rugby is a fully inclusive sport and we welcome both male and female players of all abilities to participate and enjoy the sport to the full.

If you have any questions please contact any of the Coaching team or the Committee and we look forward to all of us having an enjoyable season.

Best regards

Claire Govier

Chairman – Mini's and Juniors Section.



All children should be allowed to play rugby and be involved in the sport for the simple fact that it is inherently interesting and satisfying to do so. Children need to be engaged in fundamental movements and need to try out various roles within the context of sport. Coaches will avoid the temptation to promote competitive performance and instead design a variety of play activities and low-organisation games to meet the children's skill development needs. While it may be necessary to progressively introduce some drills to intentionally endow children with sport specific skills, the goal will still be fun.

Age Variations

The age group your child will join is dependant on their age on 1st September 2017.

U6 to U8 - Tag Rugby (years 1-3)

Tag rugby is a non-contact, fast-moving game that is suitable for boys and girls to play together.

Its safe, non-contact nature, combined with the fun and liveliness of the sport, means that tag rugby is the RFU's official version of the game for under 6's, 7s and under 8s.

U9 to U11(Years 4-6)

The teams in these age groups are still mixed with both male and female players. The contact aspect of the game is gradually introduced from the U9 age group.

The coaches will ensure that players learn how to tackle safely and effectively.

U12 to U16 (Years 7-11)

The teams in these age groups are made up of players of the same gender. Girls play in three age bands U13 (11 and 12 year olds), U15 (13 and 14 year olds) and U18 (15,16 and 17 year olds). Boys play in single age groups U12, U13, U14, U15 and U16.

The players skills are gradually and safely developed to more specific roles within the team (positions). However as always the goal will still be fun.

Training

Training for U6 to U11's mixed gender and U12's to U16's (boys only) takes place on Sunday mornings starting at 10.30hrs until 12.00hrs (11.30hrs for U6-8's).

Training for the girls U13's, U15's and U18's teams takes place on a Wednesday evening. (18.30 until 19.30 for U13's & U15's), (19.30 until 20.30 for U18's). Please ensure your child is changed and ready to start at the appropriate start time.

In the event that the club pitches are unavailable due to adverse weather training will be moved to the Sports Centre Astro Pitch. Your coach or Admin contact will advise you appropriately when this happens.

Matches

Pre-match training starts promptly at 10.30hrs please ensure your child is at the club, changed and ready to start at 10.30hrs.

The arrangements for away matches will be explained by the respective coach for each age group.

We encourage you to support your child at training as well as matches, as it acts as real encouragement for them.

Matches for the girls section normally take place on a Sunday afternoon. Your age group coach will provide you with all the information you need.

PLEASE NOTE – Children in the U12's age group and under, must have Parental/Guardian supervision at all times.

RFU Accreditation and Kids First Rugby

MBRFC is an RFU Accredited club, each year we need to satisfy the RFU process to ensure we retain this accreditation. The Club Accreditation scheme is based upon the six Key Drivers identified as crucial to a strong club:

1. Retaining & Developing Players
2. Recruiting New Players
3. Recruiting & Retaining High Quality Coaches, Volunteers & Referees
4. Effective & Efficient Facilities
5. Effective & Efficient Management and Governance
6. Integration with the Local Community

Each of these Key Drivers, together with the Core Values of the game, is represented within the Club Accreditation scheme and together they represent the component parts of a strong, sustainable club.

Kids First Approach - Following a four year review of rugby for under 18's, led by the RFU, in consultation with a wide cross section of the game, the "new" Age Grade Rugby will roll out from September 2016.

This will strive to develop a grounding in the core values of the game – Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline and Sportsmanship – through the:

- Child first approach and the coaching of fundamentals
- Focus of the sport for all – everyone "plays" – not based on the child's ability to perform, but on their ability to participate
- Promotion of the social aspect of sport and multi-positional play and activity
- Development of confidence and self esteem
- Celebration of success as the learning of new skills and understanding
- Enjoyment and engagement of the player in low-organisation games.

Some of the younger age groups will re-introduce the 'Ruckley' sticker book program. Your age group coach will be able to give you all the information you need for this.



MBRFC - Key Contacts

If you have any questions, queries or concerns about the training, personnel or the Club in general please do not hesitate to contact us. Please speak to the appropriate contact at the earliest opportunity so we can deal with the query asap.

Mixed Age Group section - Alternative contact – Claire Govier – 07816-010980

*U6/7/8 :Dionne Jones – 07818-856367

*U9: Hollie Govier – 07398 172626

*U10: Claire Govier – 07816-010980

*U11: Steve Rowe – 07738-767723

Boys section – Alternative contact – Jon Sweetland – 07977-047010

*U12: Dave Lamb: 07749 241256

U13: Clive Crosby – 07966-031357

U14: Jon Sweetland – 07977-047010

U14: Please contact Steve Murray for details - 07736284440

U16 John Floyd – 07795-842649

U17/18: Steve Murray 07736 284440

Girls section – Alternative contact – Dionne Jones – 07818-856367

U13: Dionne Jones – 07818-856367

U15: Jon Buck – 07807-818922

U18: Paul Mote – 07977-063637

*must have a parent or guardian in attendance at training and games.

If your query or concern cannot be resolved by the above contacts please contact any of the following committee members asap.

Mini and Junior Chairman – Claire Govier 0781 6010980

Mini and Junior Vice – Chairman – Jon Sweetland - 07977-047010

Club Chairman – Simon Hutchinson – 07771-812822

Club Vice-Chairman – Justin Harris – 07890-365946

Club Secretary – Colin Howells – 07887-987619

Membership Secretary – Georgina Perkins – 07774-316776

Club Treasurer – Mike Willes – 07974-567011

Safeguarding Officer – Tracey Sweetland – 07866-405758

Volunteer Coordinator – Dionne Jones mbrfcpink@yahoo.co.uk 07818856367

Full details are available on our website: www.mineheadbarbarians.co.uk



Equipment and Kit requirements

Please remember that Rugby is a winter game so as a general rule please ensure you supply warm clothing for your children and don't forget warm clothing for yourself as it can get cold watching from the touchline.

You will need to supply the following for your child all of which is available from the Club supplier, Tony Pryce Sports in Minehead, either in store or online at -

<http://www.tonyprycesports.co.uk/minehead-barbarians-rfc-t59>

- MBRFC shirt – Please ensure you get the Junior section version.
- Black shorts – (MBRFC embroidered optional)
- MBRFC socks – Black and White with MBRFC lettering.
- Additional training top – (advisable but optional)
- Mouth guard – Mandatory RFU regulations – Available to buy from club.
- Boots with studs – Not blades

Dress shirts embroidered with the club logo and club ties are also available to purchase from Tony Pryce Sports.

(Please note: all players are expected to wear a shirt and tie on match days and at presentation dinners)

If you have any questions on kit requirements please ask.



Playing Shirt
£27.00



Shorts
£13.00



Socks
£7.00



Tie
£9.00



Dress Shirt
£14.00



Training Top (Optional)
£21.00



Second-Hand kit scheme

The club will be running a second-hand kit buy/exchange scheme this year. The details of how this will run are still being worked but if you have any old kit that you no longer require please bring it down to the club and leave it for the attention of Claire Govier

MBRFC Child Protection Policy

Minehead Barbarians RFC has adopted the RFU's Safeguarding Policy and has appointed a Safeguarding Officer who is:

Tracey Sweetland - 07866-405758

Email – mbrfcsafeguarding@yahoo.com

To support the policy we are in the process of, or have put in place, the following:

- A Code of Conduct
- DBS vetting of all coaches & volunteers
- All coaches to become qualified RFU coaches
- A Reporting procedure

Full details of the Safeguarding Policy are available on our website, however if you require a printed copy please contact Tracey.

Membership Fees

For the 2017/18 Season the membership fee shall be as follows:

Fees:-

Junior Playing Membership - £10
Non-playing Social Membership - £5



All of the following forms are required for registration and are available to download from the club website:

Mini/Junior Player Membership Form This is to be completed by all who are 17 or under on 1 September 2017

Emergency Information Form – Mini and Junior This form must be completed at the start of the season by all mini and junior players and must be handed in with their completed Membership Form

Young Player Registration Form This is an RFU form which must be completed by any player joining MBRFC for the first time

Volunteers

As with all Clubs and Societies the future success of our club will only be maintained by the valued help of the Volunteer.

We are always keen to have more people help us with Social Events, Coaching, Sunday training etc etc. Upon your child becoming a member it is expected that their parent/guardian will endeavour to undertake a number of Sunday morning sessions per season helping for example with the provision of food after matches, general tidying up of the dining area or anything else that may reasonably be asked by your child's respective coach.

Should you have any questions or want to become more involved then please contact our Volunteer Co-ordinator.

Volunteer Co-ordinator – Dionne Jones 07818856367

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