

**PONTARDDULAIS RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB
MINIS AND JUNIORS SECTION
CLUB CONSTITUTION**

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1 INTRODUCTION

This document is the constitution of the Minis & Juniors Section of Pontarddulais Rugby Union Football Club. The name of the club will be :

Pontarddulais RFC Minis & Juniors

2 AIMS OF THE CLUB

The stated aims of the club are :

- To promote the teaching and playing of the game of rugby union football in accordance with the rules of the WRU Pathway (Under 8 through Under 19 age groups), the WRU Under 19 Structured Season and IRB Laws of the Game (all age groups).
- To provide an enjoyable, safe, suitably resourced, welcoming environment for all children wishing to learn and play the game of rugby union.
- To promote the 'spirit of rugby' which recognises and rewards effort as much as achievement and encourages enjoyment, teamwork and respecting the efforts of others.

3 CLUB COLOURS

The Club colours shall reflect those of Pontarddulais RFC and consist of Black and Amber Jerseys, Black Shorts and Black and Amber Socks.

4 AFFILIATION

Pontarddulais RFC Minis & Juniors are affiliated to:

- Pontarddulais Rugby Football Club (referred to as the Main Club)
- Swansea District Junior Association (SDJA)

The Club will adhere to all policies and procedures which are mandated or recommended by either the the Welsh Rugby Union, SDJA or any other appropriate Governing bodies.

5 COMMITTEE

The committee of Pontarddulais RFC Minis & Juniors are comprised of volunteers. The core committee, elected by the club members at the Annual General Meeting (AGM), is made up of the following elected officers:

- Chairman
- Vice-Chairman
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Child Protection Officer
- Deputy Child Protection Officer
- Registration Secretary
- Social Secretary
- Fixture Secretary (Minis)
- Fixture Secretary (Juniors)
- Schools Liaison Officer

The committee are responsible for the administration and management of the Pontarddulais RFC Minis & Juniors club and finances. Any decisions taken by the committee will be by majority vote of the core committee members.

The quorum for making decisions is 6 elected committee members which must include at least one of the Chairman, Treasurer or Secretary. In the event of a split decision the Chairman shall have the casting vote.

Any member of the Club may stand for election in any of the officer posts. Elections will take place at the AGM which will be held annually, normally in June.

6 MEETINGS

The Committee shall meet once a month on the first **xxxx**day of the month (unless changed by prior agreement). Meetings shall take place at Pontarddulais Rugby Club and commence at **xx**pm.

Each age group are encouraged to have one representative from their age group at the meetings to assist in the running of the Club and communication of the decisions taken to their age groups.

All meetings shall be open to attendance by any member of the Club who wishes to attend. Only the Committee shall be entitled to vote on decisions affecting the running of the Club.

Minutes of the meetings will be taken and distributed to the Committee and age groups following the meeting.

7 MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the Club is open to all children between the ages of 6 and 19 as at the 1st September of each season. It is the intention of the club to run squads in each of the following age groups :

Minis: Under 7, Under 8, Under 9, Under 10, Under 11

Juniors: Under 12, Under 13, Under 14, Under 15, Under 16, Youth

8 SUBSCRIPTIONS

***** **FOR DISCUSSION.** *****

9 CHILD PROTECTION

The Club will have a volunteer Child Protection Officer (CPO) and at least two members of the club, one of whom is a qualified WRU coach, will have attended formal child protection training. Where volunteers are available the club will also have a deputy CPO.

The Club will have a Child Protection Policy (published separately to this document) which is displayed in the clubhouse and is freely available to all parents and children. A copy of the document is distributed at registration.

All coaches, helpers and club officials that have contact with children as part of the Club are CRB (Criminal records Bureau) checked. A disclosure form is submitted through the WRU.

10 COACHING

Each age group will be run by one or more WRU Qualified coaches. Qualification will be by attendance at an approved, and appropriate to the age group, WRU Coaching course. The Club will fund the training courses for volunteer coaches.

11 INSURANCE

The players and coaches will be covered by Public Liability Insurance arranged through the WRU.

12 FIRST AID

It is the aim of the Club for each age group to have a parent holding a current, relevant first aid qualification in attendance at all training sessions and matches.

13 CODE OF CONDUCT

The Club will publish Codes of Conduct for all coaches, officials and volunteers working with young people, players and spectators. Any breach of the respective Code of Conduct will result in appropriate disciplinary action being taken by the Committee.

(NB See Code of Conduct)