

CRAWLEY RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

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Youth Section Chairman's New Season Newsletter 2011/12

Dear Players and Parents,

Registration day is Sunday 4th September at 10.00am in the Clubhouse.

Welcome to the start of the 2010/11 season at Crawley RFC. If you are joining us for the first time, I'm sure that you will enjoy yourselves and stay with us for many years.

Membership forms for the new season are enclosed, please complete and bring them along with you on the day. Registration desks for each age group will be manned by the managers upstairs in the clubhouse where we will collate the forms and to answer any questions you may have. This year we have three options for payment, you may either pay by cash or cheque in the usual way, cheques made out to Crawley RFC or by credit/debit card in the clubhouse.

As you will note, this year we have changed the charging format, implementing a 3 tier system that reflects the true difference between the Minis, Youth and Colts costs incurred. To explain, Minis play across the pitch and therefore you can 2 or more groups on a single pitch and do not have food provided after matches by the club. Juniors and Colts require a full pitch to be allocated, have food provided by the club post match and train under floodlights during the week, in the Colts case twice a week. The Colts also require society referees that again have a cost to the club. The structure for this season is Minis (U7-U12) £60, Juniors (U13- U16) £70 and the Colts (U17-U18) £80 though if you are registering more than one player, you will pay full price for the oldest age and 50% of any players thereafter. If you are a senior or VP registered player for the 2011/12 season, you will pay 50% of any children registered.

I made a study of the surrounding clubs in Sussex to benchmark our proposed levels and discovered that even with the change in charging format, Crawley is either on a par or less than most of our peers. Please speak to your age group manager or myself if you have any concerns or comments.

Registration checklist, please ensure you have with you on the day;

Completed youth registration form, if you are registering more than one player, you will need to complete a form for each player. Payment for all the players should be made with the **oldest** player being registered and the names of younger player(s) noted on the top of the registration form for each player.



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Completed medical questionnaire, even if you submitted last year, this needs to be renewed each season.

RFU registration, a must for new or unregistered players, you will need to complete the form together with 2 passport photos. This is essential for playing in festivals, tournaments and in the league. Also for players registered 3 years or more, the RFU asks that players reregister so their details and photographs are up to date. Your team manager will let you know if this is the case.

Our membership team and squad managers will be able to assist with any queries at the registration desk on Sunday 4th September. We are very keen to get everyone signed up quickly so don't delay registering.

Rugby is a contact sport and our first priority is the safety and wellbeing of the player and while all of the Crawley RFC coaches are RFU certificated, players must always take every precaution to avoid injuries. It is a recommendation by the RFU that all children playing full contact rugby (under 9s and above) wear a mouth guard (gum-shield), for training and matches.

You can buy gum-shields at a good sport shops (mouldable in hot water), for youngsters this is probably the best type as children grow so quickly, or from your dentist (custom made). Unfortunately, children do tend to lose them so it's a good idea to have a spare one if possible. Please also make sure that you have legal studs in your boots. If in doubt, check with your team coach, or manager.

Rugby is thirsty work, especially for children. Please bring plenty for them to drink, particularly through the early and latter months of the season when the weather can be warm. Festivals and tournaments are longer days than normal match days. Food can normally be purchased at these events, however a packed lunch giving the player little and often is a better way to keep them fed and watered during a hectic playing schedule.

Kit

For all club matches and tournaments, players will be supplied with team shirts by the coaches (though you may well prefer to buy your own). You are responsible for supplying the rest of the required kit. For matches, players must wear plain Navy Blue rugby shorts (cotton not nylon football type), club socks, and boots. A wide selection of kit is available from the kit shop, open in the clubhouse most Sundays after matches/training. Also, make sure that your children have adequate warm clothing, especially after October when it can get very cold and wet. Players and parents are



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encouraged to use the clubhouse so a change of clean clothing for the players to wear will be necessary. Please make sure your children do not come into the clubhouse wearing their dirty kit and boots, changing rooms and showers will be open on Sunday mornings for their use with CRB checked staff ensuring security and safety. **Please remember, parent, guardians and friends are not allowed in the changing rooms while players are changing.**

2011/12 Season

Team Managers/Contacts for this season are:

Under 7/8's Carolyn Sandwell (0779 5558141 c.sandwell@sky.com)

Under 9's Bill Armstrong (07930 391735 OurBillArmstrong@gmail.com)

Under 10's Sarah Brown (07773 886461, sarahbrown2005@hotmail.com)
& Mandy Thompson (07875 660742, mandythompsonCRFC@yahoo.co.uk)

Under 11's Kath Ollis-Brown (07930 334722, kath@ollis-brown.co.uk)

Under 12's Phil Deighton (07880852499 Philip.Deighton@talktalk.net)

Under 13's Paul Cook (07850 324265, paul.cook@inglease.co.uk)

Under 14's Caroline Thurloway (07899 938517, cthurloway@yahoo.co.uk)

Under 15's Richard Bale (0797 6650492, richard.bale@blueyonder.co.uk)

Under 16's Mark Keeley (07967 169121, mkeeley@lineone.net)

Under 17's Mark Lumley, 0779 0033526, Mark.Lumley@menziesaviation.com)

Colts Karen Grantham, (07906 465 993, karencrfc@gmail.com)

In Safe Hands

Not only are our coaches RFU qualified to coach Mini and Junior Rugby but are also checked by the Home Office CRB Bureau under the RFU approved 'Disclosure' scheme. If you have any concerns regarding the safety and or welfare of your children please do not hesitate to speak to Lesley Morgan who is our Child Welfare Officer (Tel: 01293 546751). During the season at both home and away matches the teams whilst playing might be photographed from the touch line by parents wishing to keep a record of



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their own children's progress and enjoyment during the games. A lot of parents actually ask the coaches if it is ok to take a photograph. If you object to photographs possibly being taken in this manner, or team photos before or after a match, would you please inform the team manager.

Our coaches spend a lot of their free time and effort preparing and running the training sessions and organising matches. Please try to ensure your child attends every week, and if he/she is ill or unable to make it please ensure your coaches or managers are made aware.

Your Rugby Club Needs You!

Finally, parents please come along and support the teams (in line with our spectators Code of Conduct!). Crawley RFC is a family friendly club with an excellent bar and great kitchen facilities. Why not come up into the bar on a Sunday morning, have a coffee and something to eat, or even a drink when the bar opens instead of going home and returning later after the training sessions is over.

Last season our senior first team played and remain in London SE Division 3. Why not come down on a Saturday for home games to enjoy the rugby (fixtures on the CRFC web site www.crawleyrfc.co.uk). The atmosphere is great and the rugby even better! Join us, be part of a great club.

The CRFC web site has a wealth of information about the club, please register on the site to receive regular match reports, fixtures, social events etc, www.crawleyrfc.co.uk.

Social membership

All parents automatically become social members of the club when their child registers. Members benefits include; 10% discount off alcoholic drinks when using your membership, reduced costs of hiring the clubhouse for personal events. The clubhouse also offers a range of other activities throughout the year, these include comedy evenings, discos as well as the regular darts, pool and poker clubs that operate.

I hope you enjoy and have a successful season.

Regards

Ian Thurloway
CRFC Youth Section Chairman



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