



Grove Rugby Football Club Limited

Founded 1972 Incorporated 2009

Affiliated to the English RFU & Oxfordshire RFU

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Scarlet, Blue & White*

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GROVE RFC MINI FESTIVAL 2011 – SUNDAY 2ND OCTOBER (General Information)

Details relating to Grove RFC Mini Rugby festival at:

Grove Recreational Ground, Cane Lane, Grove, Wantage, Oxon. OX12 0AA.
Tel Number 01235 762750

- Festival Timetable:
 - Please do not arrive before **8.30am** as car parks will not be open
 - Registration of teams by **09.30am** at age group control tents (please complete registration forms in advance to prevent delay on the day)
 - Referees and coaches meeting at age group Control tents **09.45am**
 - First games will start promptly at **10.00am** for all age groups.
 - Age groups finals will between **2pm and 2.30pm**
 - Medal ceremonies for those in the finals will commence on a rolling basis 20mins after the end of the respective games
 - Expected end time around **3.30pm** (for those going the distance!)
- Entrance Fee - Entrance fee per adult is £5 including the team Coaches – No charge for children or players, neither is there a car parking fee.

10 Oxfordshire clubs are taking part, with a total of 76 teams at Under 7 through to U12 level. Over 750 players and 1000 spectators are expected to attend on the day. There will be a total of 16 playing pitches and the layout can be found on the day in the Festival programme (given out in return for £5 entrance fee!).

Squad sizes:

RFU Continuum rules - RFU recommends Maximum squad sizes which should not be less than -:

- U7/U8 - 10 players
- U9/10 – 13 players
- U11/U12 - 17 players
- Although clubs can still participate if they have less than these numbers

Min. team sizes:

U7 & U8 - 7 players

U9 & U10 – 9 players with 3 forwards

U11's – 12 players with 5 forwards

U12's – 13 players with 6 forwards

- Players must be registered to one team and not play across multiple teams (e.g. across A and B teams)

- Players must play within their correct age group as of 31st August 2011 (unless you can prove that the RFU has provided special dispensation for playing outside normal age group)
- **All teams/ clubs are asked to provide referees to support the event.** Please give your referees names at Control Tent.
- Rolling substitutes are allowed but coaches must seek the go ahead from the match referee before making substitutions
- Matches will be 7 mins each way with 2 mins for half-time for U7-U8s, for U9s –U12s matches will be 8mins each way with 4 mins for half-time
- There will be no conversions for U11s and U12s to prevent damage to nearby cars
- Medals will be awarded to all participants
- Perpetual Grove RFC Shields/ plaques are for winning teams of each final. These should be returned to Grove Clubhouse if you have any from last year (or previous years!!)
- Trophy/ Medal ceremonies will be held on a rolling basis in front of the clubhouse approximately 20mins after the finish of each age group final
- Toilets are located in the clubhouse and portable toilets will be available in areas that are more distant from the clubhouse
- First Aid - will be provided by 1st Response Medical
- Clubs are welcome to bring their own tents/ gazebos and these should be erected in the areas indicated by the Grove Pitch Marshalls
- Refreshments can be purchased from the Club house, BBQs and cake stalls which will be distributed throughout grounds.
- It is highly unlikely that the event will be cancelled due to weather conditions – we have proved on a number of occasions that we can still put on a very good event under rainy/blustery conditions (i.e. last year for those who attended!). Teams are welcome to bring their own tents/gazebos for shelter.

Directions & Parking -

Directions to the Club can be found on the Grove RFC website:

<http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/groverfcld/?primary=aboutus&secondary=location>

There will be volunteers on the morning to direct visitor to these parking areas. Main parking will be on the Wasborough fields which are accessed off Denchworth Road (see map on website) and in the Mably Way Healthcentre (N.B. this would be best for those in U9 and U10 age groups who will be playing at Mably). Parking permits will be issued for the main clubhouse carpark for Coaches carrying the team kit – with one permit being allocated per Age Group/Stream.

Please do not use our postcode with Satnavs as this will take you into a dead-end within a house estate! Please also do not arrive before 8.30am as our carparks will not be open until that time.

No parking on sides of roads particularly on bends and narrow sections of road. Traffic cones will be placed to indicate where parking is prohibited.

Thank you for taking part in the annual Grove Minis Festival. It should be a great feast of rugby! Fingers crossed for good weather this time round!

Best regards,

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