



N.E.W. RAVENS RUGBY LEAGUE JUNIOR SECTION GENERAL INFORMATION

COMPETITION FORMAT

N.E.W. Ravens Junior Section runs teams at Under 16, Under 14 and Under 11 age groups. Our season runs from April until August and the teams compete in the 3V Sports Midlands Rugby League.

Further details on fixtures and general information about the junior team can be found on the Junior section on www.newravensrl.co.uk

CLUB FEES

N.E.W. Ravens Junior Section has 2 levels of membership:

SEASON = £65. Includes all match fees

MATCH = £35 plus £3 match fee.

N.B. Players who are already members of Bromsgrove RFC receive a £10 discount. A valid membership BRFC membership card must be produced.

Both options cover the costs of insurance, BRFC payment (use of facilities) plus club shorts & socks.

Match fees cover the cost of food after home games, referees expenses for home games (when applicable) and physio fees.

If there are two children that wish to join the club, the total fee would be £70.

Cheques should be made payable to 'N.E.W. Ravens Rugby League'.

CLUB RULES

- The safety and wellbeing of young people is the responsibility of all members and is our priority at all times.
- All club equipment and property must be respected and protected by all Members.
- No boots are allowed in the clubhouse. Do not access this room until you are clean and in appropriate footwear.

- Players must wear N.E.W. Ravens RL shorts and socks for matches. These are available to purchase from the club shop. The laundering of these items is the players responsibility.
- The club would also prefer players to buy their own personalised playing shirts which can be purchased from the club shop.
- Ensure that the club is left in a clean and tidy condition after any event that you attend (a team failing to do so may incur a team fine payable to the club).
- Do not leave litter of any kind on the playing fields. All litter must be placed in the bins provided outside the clubhouse.
- All equipment must be placed back in the appropriate place at the end of training sessions and matches.
- Members should keep to agreed timings for training and competitions or inform their coach or team manager if they are going to be late.
- Members must wear suitable kit for training, as agreed with the coach/team manager.
- Members must pay any fees for training or events promptly.
- Junior members are not allowed to smoke on club premises or whilst representing the club at competitions.
- Junior members are not allowed to consume alcohol or drugs of any kind on the club premises or whilst representing the club.

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY STATEMENT

N.E.W. Ravens Rugby League has a duty of care to safeguard all children involved in N.E.W. Ravens Rugby League from harm. All children have a right to protection, and the needs of disabled children and others who may be particularly vulnerable must be taken into account. N.E.W. Ravens Rugby League will ensure the safety and protection of all children involved in N.E.W. Ravens Rugby League through adherence to the Child Protection guidelines adopted by N.E.W. Ravens Rugby League. A child is defined as a person under the age of 18 (The Children Act 1989).

POLICY AIMS

The aim of the N.E.W. Ravens Rugby League Child Protection Policy is to promote good practice:

- Providing children and young people with appropriate safety and protection whilst in the care of N.E.W. Ravens Rugby League.
- Allow all staff/volunteers to make informed and confident responses to specific child protection issues.
- The Child Protection Policy can be downloaded in full from our website www.newravensrl.co.uk

EQUITY POLICY STATEMENT

- This club is committed to ensuring that equity is incorporated across all aspects of its development. In doing so it acknowledges and adopts the following Sport England definition of sports equity: "Sports equity is about fairness in sport, equality of access, recognising inequalities and taking steps to address them. It is about changing the culture and structure of sport to ensure it becomes equally accessible to everyone in society."

- The club respects the rights, dignity and worth of every person and will treat everyone equally within the context of their sport, regardless of age, ability, gender, race, ethnicity, religious belief, sexuality or social/economic status.
- The club is committed to everyone having the right to enjoy their sport in an environment free from threat of intimidation, harassment and abuse.
- All club members have a responsibility to oppose discriminatory behaviour and promote equality of opportunity.
- The club will deal with any incidence of discriminatory behaviour seriously, according to club disciplinary procedures.

CODES OF CONDUCT

Player

- Be a good sport. Respect all good play whether from your team or the opposition. Shake hands with them and thank the opposition players and officials after the game – win, lose or draw.
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit. Make every effort to develop your own abilities.
- Always respect the match official's decision.
- Make every effort to be consistent with Fair Play and the Laws of the Game. Never get involved in foul play.
- Honour both the spirit and letter of the competition rules and live up to the highest ideals of ethics and sportsmanship; avoid gamesmanship and respect the traditions of the game.
- Never engage in disrespectful conduct of any sort including swearing, obscene gestures, offensive remarks, taunting or other actions that are demeaning to other players, officials or supporters. Treat others as you would like to be treated.
- Care for and respect the facilities and equipment made available to you during training and competition.
- Safeguard your health; don't use any illegal or unhealthy substances.
- Recognise that many officials, coaches and match officials are volunteers who give up their time to provide their services. Treat them with the utmost respect. Remember, without them you do not have a game.
- Do not bet or otherwise financially speculate, directly or indirectly, on the outcome or any other aspect of a rugby league match or competition in which you are involved.

Coach

- Actively discourage foul play and/or unsporting behaviour by players.
- Seek to maximise the participation and enjoyment for all players regardless of ability; avoid the tendency to over use a talented player; treat all players as equals, regardless of their talent.
- Show concern and caution towards all sick and injured players. Follow the advice of a doctor and/or physiotherapist to the letter when determining when an injured player is ready to recommence training or playing.
- Teach players that an honest effort and competing to the best of their ability is as important as victory.
- Encourage players to respect and accept the judgement of the Match Officials.
- Never engage in public criticism of officials.
- Maintain appropriate, professional relationships with players at all times.
- Maintain a personal commitment to maintain knowledge of the rules of the game and keep abreast of current coaching methods; maintain or improve current accreditation level.

- Always consider the health, safety and welfare of players.
- Teach young players to realise that there is a big gap between their play and the professional game; do not coach them as if they are professionals.
- Ensure that your coaching reflects the level of the competition being played; do not be a “win-at-all-costs” coach.
- As coach, conduct yourself at all times in a manner, and in all situations, that shows leadership, respect for the game of Rugby League and respect for all those that are involved in the game – the players, officials, the fans, the parents, the match officials and the media.

Match Officials

- Apply the laws of the game with complete impartiality.
- Prepare fully for a match, both physically and mentally.
- Conduct yourself, both on and off the field, with the utmost integrity.
- Set a good example by the way you dress, speak and act towards players, coaches, officials, parents and spectators.
- Place the safety and welfare of the players above all else, be alert to minimise dangerous physical play, fair or foul, especially in junior matches.
- Deal with all instances of unsporting, foul or unfair play.
- Show concern and caution for sick and injured players.
- Be accountable for your actions.
- Accurately report any misconduct to the appropriate authorities.
- Avoid any situation which may lead to a conflict of interest both on and off the field.

Parent / Spectator

- Do not force an unwilling child to participate in sport.
- Remember that children participate in Rugby League for their own enjoyment, not yours!
- Understand that sport is part of a total life experience, and the benefits of involvement go far beyond the final score of a game.
- Condemn all violent or illegal acts, whether they are by players, coaches, officials, parents or spectators.
- Respect the match official’s decisions – don’t complain or argue about decisions during or after a game.
- Behave! Unsporting language, harassment or aggressive behaviour will not be tolerated.
- Encourage players to play by the rules and to respect the opposition players and officials.
- Never ridicule or scorn a player for making a mistake – respect their efforts.
- Participate in positive cheering that encourages the players in the team you are supporting; do not engage in any jeering that taunts or intimidates opponents, their fans or officials.
- At all times, follow the directions of the Ground Manager and/or other match day staff.
- Never arrive at the ground under the influence of alcohol, never bring alcohol to a game, and only drink alcohol, if it is available at the ground, in the designated licensed area.

Volunteers / Administrators

- Always operate to the principle of “friendship first – competition second”.
- Ensure that all operations are under the supervision of appropriately qualified people who have been through the required checks.

- Ensure that all volunteers / administrators understand and adhere to the Respect Code of Conduct.
- Ensure that all facilities and equipment meet safety standards.
- Encourage all participants to remember that sport is enjoyed for its own sake
 - play down the importance of awards.