

# Cirencester RFC Information for Parents 2009-10



## Subscriptions 2009-10

1st Child (Mini & Junior)	£75
2nd Child (Mini & Junior)	£40
Colts	£35
Girls (U13 and above)	£35

Please complete the attached application form and attach payment. Cheques should be made payable to: CRFC

Please return your completed forms (cheques only) to:

Yvonne Gordon-Walker

22 Shepherds Way

Cirencester

GL7 2ET

or contact [yvonnegw@btinternet.com](mailto:yvonnegw@btinternet.com), 07908 506165 if you have any queries.

## Vice President Membership

Associate membership is automatically granted to parents/guardians of youth members. This allows access to the club bar and facilities and to youth social events.

CRFC prides itself on making rugby affordable for all within the community, but this is becoming an ever greater challenge to keep the facilities available for what is now in excess of 500 players and their families. For subscriptions to remain at affordable levels, we need help from those of you who are in position to give additional support to the club by taking out vice-president membership.

In recognition, as a Vice President you will be entitled to:

- Application for International Tickets at club prices
  - Full Social Member status
  - Voting Rights at the AGM
  - Invitation for two VP's Evening Events
- plus 2 Season Tickets for all home matches!!

Annual Subscription is from £60 (with £100 to £200 much appreciated). Our VP Plus package for £120 includes VP membership for 1 adult and junior membership for 1st child.

## Age group

Entry to an age group is determined by the player's age at midnight on 31st August for all age groups up to and including U17. For example, if your child is 10 on or before 31<sup>st</sup> August 2009 he/she will play in the U11 age group. The appropriate age group applies for the whole season.

For players with a date of birth after 31/08/2002, the club requires that a parent or guardian accompanies the child at all times.

For girls over 12, the age groups are U15 and U18 only.

## National registration

National registration is compulsory for all Mini & Junior players from U7 to U18 inclusive, including Girls. When a player joins a Club for the first time we require:

- a completed RFU ID form (available from the website)
- 4 passport size photos with parent/guardian signature and player's date of birth on the reverse

Please be assured that information relating to young players is not released by the RFU to any other organisation for any purpose. The information is used to track players, and ensures they are not selected above or below their playing age, or play too much rugby.

Please note that under RFU regulations, youth players will not be eligible to play in matches unless coaches provide details of registration including photographs.

## Training and matches

Training sessions and matches are held on Sundays.

### U7 – U17

Training/Home Matches 10am - 12pm.

Away matches as advised

### Girls U15 & U18

Training/Home Matches 12pm – 2pm

Away matches as advised

Mid-week training sessions may be arranged for youth age groups for junior age groups. Please check with relevant age group coaches.

## Fixture lists

Mini and Youth fixture lists are available from the website and are continually updated. Please check the junior pages of the website.

## Playing kit

Boots must have either a moulded rubber multi-stud sole or kite marked screw in safety studs made of rubber or aluminium but not plastic. Rubber 'blades' are approved

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for use. There are different playing shirts for mini and junior players.

A Mouth Protector/Gum Shield is strongly recommended for all levels of rugby. It is only compulsory for Youth Representative Rugby. The RFU advises parents to consult their dentist before buying a Mouth Protector for their child. Match officials have the right to bar players without mouth protection if they consider the player is at risk of injury.

Club shirts, socks and shorts are available from D&J Sports, who will be in attendance at the clubhouse at regular intervals.

Please remember to bring warm clothing and waterproof coats for your child. Note: team strip for matches is not provided for Mini teams.

## **Home matches**

Refreshments are supplied to all players after home matches. Costs are covered by the registration fee.

## **Away matches**

Transport can be arranged for all players whose parents cannot travel on the day. Please make arrangements in advance with the age group coach.

## **Bad Weather & Cancellations**

In the event of bad weather, please check the website before setting out to ensure that training/matches are going ahead. Coaches will also try to send emails asap in the event of cancellations.

## **Club Facilities & Social Event**

The club bar and facilities are available to all members including parents/guardians of Youth members.

A number of social events are organized throughout the year both for fundraising and as social get-togethers. These events are advertised in the club and on the website, and by email.

## **Spirit of the game**

Cirencester Mini & Junior and Senior RFC vigorously condemn foul or violent play and the verbal harassment of officials. Please give your full support to your child's team but remember that the opposition deserves recognition for their achievements as well. The referee is always right.

The player's and parents code of conduct is available through the club and on the website.

## **Disciplinary procedures**

The Club has an established procedure for dealing with players or supporters reported by officials for breaches of the respective 'Codes of Conduct'. This includes players or coaches dismissed by a referee before, during or after a match. Whilst such breaches are taken seriously, our procedures take full account of a player's age and experience. The aim of any possible action against an individual is not to merely penalise, but to ensure we all learn from the incident.

## **Child protection policy**

Cirencester RFC operates child protection policies in line with the mandatory requirements of the RFU. The Club has appointed a Child Welfare Officer who will be available to discuss any concerns felt by players or parents. All such discussions are of course completely confidential. All Coaches have completed a Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure Form and received clearance from the RFU & CRB. The Child Welfare Officer is:

- Richard Hemming - randchemming@aol.com

## **Communicating with the club**

If you have any other concerns or a grievance please talk to the age group coach in the first instance. Our policy is to ensure that rugby is a safe, fun activity enjoyed by all players, coaches and parents whatever the weather. We have a duty to support all the coaches who give of their time without recompense to ensure players have the opportunity to participate in the game of rugby. We believe that early discussion solves most if not all problems efficiently.

## **Volunteering**

Volunteers are the lifeblood of the club and the club cannot run without them. If you are interested in volunteering your input will be more than welcome whether you are interested in coaching, organizing a social event etc - the amount of time you can commit is up to you. Please speak to your age group coach in the first instance or email:

- John Fowler – scullythecat@btopenworld.com
- Yvonne Gordon-Walker – yvonnegw@btinternet.com