



WELCOME to Reigate Rugby Club (Minis & Micros)

We would like to welcome new players and their parents/guardians to Reigate Rugby Football Club (RRFC). Reigate Minis is affiliated to the RFU and as such all our coaches and administrators have been CRB checked. We have qualified First Aiders on site, and, our coaches have completed official RFU coaching courses which ensure that the correct and safe level of training is given to all participants.

CLUB ETHOS

We want all the kids to enjoy not only playing rugby but also being part of Reigate Rugby Club. Across all age groups, our aim is to keep relatively small so that all the kids feel part of the team and are fully involved, not only in the training sessions, but also playing in matches and festivals.

All the coaches and helpers are volunteers. There is a huge amount of “stuff” that needs doing to keep the club on the rails: coaching, subs collection, catering, kit sales, registrations, clearing up after training, serving behind the bar, etc, etc. **Please do try get involved!!!** The more people helping out, the smoother everything runs. It is also a great way for parents to get to know each other. This builds camaraderie amongst the parents, makes it more fun to “hang out” at the club on Sunday mornings while the kids are training, and ultimately it is great for the health of the club to have parents that enjoy being part of the club as well.

We hope that both your child and the rest of your family will enjoy being part of the club. If you have any concerns or ideas about how to make Reigate RFC even better, please get in touch, either with your age group coach or with Tom Beresford (current Minis Chair) on 07803 933770 / tom@ego.me.uk

TRAINING

The club trains on Sunday mornings from 10:00hrs to 11:30hrs for the younger age groups, and from 10:00hrs to 12:00hrs for the Under 10s, 11s & 12s.

Our 2013-2014 training schedule starts on 01 September 2013 and continues until mid-May 2014. We normally adjust the end of season to allow us to finish off with a bang, fitting in a number of key events:

- Isle of Wight Tour & Vectis Festival (mid-late April)
- YMCA Fun Run in Priory Park (usually early-mid May)
- End of Season Party at the club (mid-end May)

There will also be adjustments to these dates to cater for the Christmas and Easter Holiday periods. You will be notified of these changes in due course.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

These are as follows:

Minis members : Under 7s, 8s, 9s, 10s, 11s and 12s

- Single payment of £85 at the start of the season. This includes a free playing shirt worth over £20 **in the first year** upon payment of the annual subscription. The free playing shirt is only available to new players, and existing Micros moving up into the U7s
- **Please return the free playing shirt if you leave the club or no longer need it (i.e. grown out). We have an active 2nd hand shop and will re-cycle the shirts through this. This re-cycling helps us recoup some of the costs of the shirts.**
- Payment mid-way through the season will be pro-rata'd based on a 9 month season. Free playing shirt is only applicable if the full annual subs are paid.
- For all existing members, a free "**Reigate Rhinos**" ball will be provided worth approx. £10. New players and existing Micros moving up into the U7s who get a free shirt don't get a free ball as well!

Micros members : Under 5s & 6s

- These age groups typically opt to pay £3.50 per session.
- Annual subs can be paid.
- Single payment of £85 at the start of the season. This includes a free ball upon payment of the annual subscription. We don't do small club shirts for the Micros, but could order a batch of small ones if there is demand.
- Payment mid-way through the season will be pro-rata'd based on a 9 month season.

Payment accepted by bank transfer, by cheque or by standing order:

Bank Details

Account Name: Reigate RFC
Account Number: 89531728
Sort code: 60-17-27
Reference : Player name (i.e. your child's name)

KIT

All participating children must wear appropriate clothing. This consists of:

1. Rugby/Football boots with studs
2. Shorts
3. Rugby/football Socks
4. Rugby Shirt

In the event of bad weather, appropriate wet weather gear should/can be worn. Parents/Guardians may find a change of clothing and towel is of use for their children.

Should the weather be particularly warm T shirts may be worn instead of rugby shirts.

Please bring plenty of drink (water) as the children are worked hard and get thirsty.

GUM SHIELDS

These will be required when we commence contact rugby training, which is currently scheduled for the 2nd half of the season for the under 8's team. These are required for the Under 9's, Under 10's and Under 12's. Failure to wear one will unfortunately mean that the children are unable to play.

CLUB KIT

We have a club shop with a wide selection of Reigate RFC kit. The club makes a small margin of approximately 5% of the value of the item sold. Kit can be purchased in various ways:

- **Order, pay & collect at the club.** We'll place the order with our supplier Raging Bull, and will have it delivered to the club so that you can pick it a week or two later.
- **Order direct from the online club shop.** We have an online shop provided by Raging Bull. The web site is : <http://www.ragingbull.co.uk/Shop/Reigate-RFC-Juniors/448.aspx>. There is a delivery charge in addition to the prices shown below.
- **Buy direct at the club.** We will also hold a small stock of frequently needed/wanted items like mouthguards, socks & beanies.

We are always looking to expand/improve our stock of clothing/accessories and welcome any suggestions from parents/guardians/children.

COMMUNICATION

We will communicate with you in a number of ways:

- **Website** : Fixtures are kept up to date on the club website – www.reigaterugby.co.uk
- **Club News & Events** : There are regular emails from Dave Manning (Club Chairman) from the reigaterugby@gmail.com email address. These cover general news & events.
- **Minis News & Events** : There will be occasional emails from Tom Beresford (Minis Chair) or other members of Minis Committee from the reigaterugby@gmail.com email address. These will include important events including the annual coaching and match at Harlequins and the Isle of Wight tour.
- **From Age Group Coaches** : Each age group coach will also organise their own communicate within their age group. This will generally be via email or SMS to parents and guardians during the season for information on changes/cancellations of training/matches, and to confirm fixture venues and times.

If you do not start receiving emails from reigaterugby@gmail.com one week after completing your Player Registration form, please check you Spam folder/settings and also send an email to reigaterugby@gmail.com and ask to be added.

CONTACTS/CLUB OFFICERS

Chairperson Tom Beresford Tel: 07803 933770
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Secretary Rolfe Jackson Tel: 07800 709175
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Deals with membership, registration, subscriptions, administration issues.

Chief Coach Dave Burgess Tel: 07766 812430
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All coaching issues.

Should you have queries please do not hesitate to contact any of the above club officers.

FINALLY

Please spread the word.....we are continuing to develop the minis and welcome new players from reception to year 6. If your child/children is/are enjoying the experience let their friends know.