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On behalf of Rosslyn Park FC I would like to extend a warm welcome to all the players, coaches and supporters attending the Rosslyn Park Festivals.

As you know well, festivals like this are built on the very core values that make rugby such a great sport, and we embrace them: Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline and Sportsmanship.

At Rosslyn Park we are passionate about our rugby and introducing the benefits of competitive sport to young players. Every year we continue to grow our playing numbers, and welcome new players of every ability, into every age group. We are delighted to now have over 700 children enjoying their rugby with us.

We take pride in the fact that our mini and youth players can look to immediate forerunners moving through the ranks of representative rugby and the RFU pathways to those a few years ahead now playing in the 1st XV as well as looking to the careers of notable former Park minis currently plying their trade in the Premiership and in the England Sevens set-up.

Encouraging all round play

All players will receive medals for participating in this festival. In the event of a tie the win will be declared shared. No result will be determined by the toss of a coin.

We look forward to seeing you on Sunday.

Richard White
RPFC Minis Chairman



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Bad Weather

In the event of bad weather forcing a postponement we will be using twitter and the Rosslyn Park website to post news of any cancellation as mobiles tend to go into meltdown with one number to call and hundreds of families en route. In the event of bad weather persisting this week please encourage your parents to check before setting off.



@rosslynpk_minis

The page where the latest status position for the festival will be posted is

<http://rosslynpark.co.uk/rock/mini-rugby-festivals/>

Discipline

- Any Discipline complaints regarding coaches, players, spectators or referees received by the Series organisers, will be dealt with in the same manner and treated with the utmost seriousness.
- The organisers reserve the right to discipline any participating club as considered appropriate for the circumstances.
- Coaches, Players and Spectators are reminded of the Codes of Conduct and their requirements. Any Abuse of Officials, Players or other Spectators will be subject to disciplinary action either through the deduction of league points or through formal proceedings through Club or County Disciplinary Panels.

Photography

- By entering children in this festival parents/guardians implicitly agree and accept that:
 - Photographic images may be taken of their son/daughter during the normal course of rugby activity, by accredited photographers and/or other parents/guardians
 - The images may be used in the local press or in club publicity, in line with the RFU guidelines for the welfare of young people in Rugby Union.

No Dogs Allowed

There is a NO DOGS policy at the grounds and this will be fully supported by the organisers. Please ensure the players and their parents are aware of this Policy.



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Registration

Referees briefing will be age group specific and conducted on the pitches the teams will be playing on at 9:45.

ALL TEAMS must be at the correct pitch 2 minutes before kick-off.

We strongly advise that players and supporters should arrive between 8:45am and 9:30am to ensure that we get the festival off to a prompt start at 10:00 am.

Please ensure the **Team Registration Form** sent as a separate file is completed in advance and handed to the Control tent by 9.30am or emailed in advance to minis@rosslynpark.co.uk

Refreshments

Catering is provided in the Kings House Clubhouse serving hot drinks, snacks and bacon rolls. The bar is open for sales of alcohol from 12 noon.

Ambulance Cover

All teams will be expected to have brought a first aider and first aid kit with them for minor knocks, cuts and bruises. Rosslyn Park use SES for the National Schools Sevens and the London Floodlit 7s. They will be onsite with an Advanced Life Support Skills crew.

Festival Format

These festivals have been put on as streamed ability events. We are expecting "A" team players to be on show at the A festival and developing / "C" team players at the C festival.

Some clubs have entered their A team in the B event but this has been after consultation with the festival and based on the events they normally enter. We hope that all the teams will be of a comparable standard to provide the players with a great test of their skills and teamwork.

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Festival Rules

- Matches times will be as per the schedule. Half time is 2 minutes only.
- Injury time will not usually be played, however time may be stopped for serious incidents.
- Mouthguards are a requirement for all players from U9 upwards and are recommended for U7 + U8s.
- Conversions will be taken at U11 as either a drop-goal or from a kicking tee.
- Under the New Rules of Play only the referee is allowed on the pitch with the players. Coaches will remain OFF the pitch during all games, except to attend to an injury and at half time. This includes breaks in play, for example when conversions are taken.
- Note on Game time – the U7 to U11 game times are the maximum allowed under the New Rules of Play for a festival. The time for U12 games is the maximum allowed under the Continuum.
- If one team gets six tries ahead, the game will end and the score will be recorded. The match may continue to full time, if both coaches and the referee agree but the score at the end of this extension to the game will not be put forward.
- Substitutions will only be made during a break in play with knowledge of the referee unless the referee has agreed to accept rolling substitutions at the start of the match. Substitutions are otherwise unrestricted.
- Positions at the end the day will be decided on match points: points will be awarded as follows : Match winner – 3 points; Drawn match – 1 point; No show – 0 points.
- In the event of a no-show a 6-0 result will be recorded.
- If at the end of the day two or more teams have the same number of “match points” the following rules will be applied, in sequence, to decide their finishing position:
 1. Differential of match points or “tries” scored: The number of match points (tries in U7-U10 and tries plus conversions at U11-U12) scored both for and against each team will be totalled and the team with the greatest positive differential shall be declared to be ahead of the other team/s that were tied on “league points”.



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2. "Tries" or match points scored: If after applying rule 1 two or more teams have an identical positive differential of match points, only the number of tries scored by those teams (the tries scored against will not be taken into account) will be compared and the team with the highest tries scored will be declared to be ahead of the other team/s that were tied on "league points".
3. Previous match played between them (go to 4 if there are two or more teams still level): If after applying rule 2 teams are still level the result of the league match between those teams shall be decisive. The winning team of the league match will be declared to be ahead of the other team that were tied on "league points".
4. Joint Winners: If after applying rules 2 and 3 there are two or more teams still level on "match points" then these teams will be considered joint winners.

- **Decisions will not be dictated by the toss of a coin at this festival.**

Note on number of teams expected at U7 - we are expecting 2 squads per club (effectively 2 teams in total under the New Rules). This is in line with the initiative taken up by Middlesex for their County Festivals and a number of the larger Surrey clubs for their own festivals.

The scores from the 2 games will be combined to generate the result for that 'match'.

A working example of this could be....

Rosslyn Park versus Windsor match.

Pitch 1 – Rosslyn Park One v Windsor One. Result: 3 – 1 to Park

Pitch 2 - Rosslyn Park Two v Windsor Two. Result: 1 – 4 to Windsor

Both games played at the same time.

Combined result: Windsor win the "match" 4 – 5 and take the 3 points.

The result of the 'match', and the other aggregated 'matches', will be used to determine the final pool standings.



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Location

King's House Sports Ground, Riverside Drive, Chiswick, London W4 2SH

Note – for many sat navs the postcode to use is W4 2RZ – historical reasons.

NO DOGS ARE ALLOWED AT THE SPORTSGROUND

Parking

Please note that parking will be tight and we ask all parents to car share wherever possible to assist with this. Also, upon arrival, drivers must follow the instructions of the parking marshals.

There is ample additional free parking in the area around the Kings House Sportsgrounds especially on The Promenade just by the river.

Please note there are other sports involved at this site with different finish times to the festival so please do not box anybody in.