



Rosslyn Park Sunday 25th September 2016



West London League Series 7 – 2016/17

Round 1 Information Pack Under 7s and Under 11s



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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 opening round of the West London Development League.



The league was created to help developing players in clubs with large squads who did not get many opportunities to represent their clubs in competitive matches. It aims to give players the chance to improve their rugby and to play rugby in a friendlier competitive atmosphere than at Festivals. The structure is a series of friendly matches with a competitive edge. The league is played in a shorter time frame than most all day Festivals, aiming to finish within usual training time.

In this its seventh year the League has expanded from the 4 founding clubs, Ealing, London Irish, Rosslyn Park and Teddington to include Richmond U11s, as well as Battersea Ironsides and London Welsh who joined in the West London League for 2015/16.

For this year the League, which is only a league in the sense of being a community of clubs wishing to put on well organised friendlies, has extended the welcome to complete age groups.

It has come a long way since the first sunny fixture hosted by Rosslyn Park at Barn Elms back in November 2010.

I look forward to seeing you on Sunday.

Richard White
RPFC Minis and Youth Chairman



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Details for this year's West London League

WLL Rules and Guidelines

- Matches times will be as per the schedule. Half time is 2 minutes only.
- All matches will be played in accordance with the New Rules of Play. Referees will be expected to be conversant with the "rules" (as they are now) for their age group, especially since it's the same for school and club rugby now.
- Under 7s and Under 8s play in Mixed Ability teams. For the contact age groups teams are streamed by agreement with the age group managers and have been placed in groups of similar status teams in an effort to provide competitive, safe and enjoyable matches that allow the players to develop their skills at their own pace.
- 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 by all the participating clubs even though the RFU no longer make them mandatory and are recommended for U7 + U8s who have gained some adult teeth.
- 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.
- If one team gets six tries ahead, the game will end. The match may continue to full time, if both coaches and the referee agree.
- Substitutions will only be made during a break in play with the knowledge of the referee, unless the referee has confirmed that they are happy with unflagged rolling substitutions. Substitutions are otherwise unrestricted.
- Squad sizes – Rosslyn Park are not setting a maximum for this round but leaving it to the individual clubs to determine their own optimum. Please bring enough players to ensure the teams you stated are all able to play but balance that requirement over ensuring that your players get a decent amount of game time. Team numbers are set by the New Rules of Play.
- Results will not be recorded in keeping with the guidelines that have evolved accompanying the New Rules of Play.
- Teams that are clearly in the wrong status in a streamed event will be moved up or down (where possible) unless the other teams in that group are happy to leave things for the day.
- The hosting club organisers' decisions are final.



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Age	Pitch Size	Players	Game Time with 3 matches	Game time with only 2 matches
Under 7	12m x 20m x 2	4	5 minutes each way	7 minutes each way
Under 8	22m x 45m	6	5 minutes each way	7 minutes each way
Under 9	30m x 60m	7	6 minutes each way	10 minutes each way
Under 10	35m x 60m	8	6 minutes each way	10 minutes each way
Under 11	43m x 60m	9	7 minutes each way	10 minutes each way

Note on number of teams expected at U7 – as all the teams are Mixed Ability we are taking as many teams as the participating clubs think they can reasonably expect to attend. We don't require an even number of teams. If you normally play with 2 subs per team and have 30 players in your Under 7s attending we would expect to see an entry of 5 teams of 6 with 4 on the pitch at any one time. Don't leave anyone at home!

Note on Game time – the game times are the maximum allowed under the New Rules of Play for an event with three or more teams participating.

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.

Other notes

- Please ensure parents are aware of the spirit of this series and the expectations of behaviour by players, coaches and parents – the RFU Code of Conduct is enforced fully.
- Please ensure that ALL people attending the rounds and finals day are familiar with the RFU Codes of Conduct. Abuse and foul language will not be tolerated under any circumstances.
- By entering children in this festival parents/guardians implicitly agree and accept that:



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- 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 King's House Sports Grounds** and this will be fully supported by the organisers. To avoid problems please do not allow anyone to bring dogs to the rounds at these clubs. Please ensure the players and their parents are aware of this Policy.

Registration

We strongly advise that players and supporters should arrive between 8:45am and 9:40am to ensure that we get the event off to a prompt start at 10:00 am.

Team managers/coaches need to register their teams as being present by 9.30am with Control for their age group.

Registration Forms are not required but we will ask all clubs to confirm that the players they bring are all RFU registered ahead of the event.

Referees Briefing

This will be conducted by age group on the pitches your teams will be playing on at 9:45am. As each briefing will be age group specific the questions should be both pertinent and short 😊

PLEASE supply 1 Referee / Game Coach for each of your matches.

Refreshments

Catering is provided in the Kings House Clubhouse serving hot meals upstairs, 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 with them for minor knocks and bruises.

Rosslyn Park Physiotherapists and a team from SES Paramedics will be on duty. Rosslyn Park uses SES for the National Schools Sevens and all our own minis festivals.

A note on Referee Allocation

The referees have been arranged so that each club's referee stays on the pitch they have just watched their team play on. Hopefully this will allow referees to divide up the matches so that they can watch their own kid's matches.



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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 (07764571106) tend to go into meltdown with one number to call and hundreds of families en route. In the event of bad weather again 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/mini-rugby-festivals/>



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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.