

Rosslyn Park Rugby Festivals Autumn 2017

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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.

We look forward to seeing you on Sunday.

Richard White
RPFC Youth 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 whole age group events.

Matches are played in a round robin format. All matches are set to the maximum number of minutes allowed per half within a festival under Regulation 15.

For the Under 7s to Under 9s the teams are expected to be mixed ability with no differentiation.

At Under 10 and Under 11 we have a separate entry for team considered to be at a "Development" stage where there may be a significant number of players new to the sport. All other team are classed as "Experienced" – these are expected to be fielded in equal strength teams when a club has more than one of these sides.

At Under 12 the players are in the Youth category of Age Grade Rugby and are governed by their own Guidelines in Regulation 15. We still have a development stream.

Pitches

Pitches will be laid out in accordance with the maximum size allowed under Regulation 15. Each pitch will be marked by cones that match the colour on the free programme draw available on entry.



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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 no longer a mandatory requirement for the RFU for all players from U9 upwards. However we still encourage referees to check that players have them before the start of their first game as most clubs continue to enforce the old rule.
- IRB approved sports goggles have finally been allowed for use by the RFU.
- 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 U12 game times are the maximum allowed under the New Rules of Play for a festival.
 - If one team gets six tries ahead, the game will be deemed to be at an end. The match may continue to full time, if both coaches and the referee agree to continue.
 - 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.



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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.

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.

