

NRFC Mini & Junior Newsletter

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Welcome to the 2009 – 10 Season



Welcome from Tim Guilfoyle Mini & Junior Chairman

I would like to start by wishing everyone a very special welcome. I'm sure this will be another exciting and challenging season.

So what is the theme for this year? Well, we aim this year to continue to

build upon the superb achievements of last year.

This year we want to increase the number of qualified coaches and referees still further, increase our work in local schools, continue to develop the information on our website (www.nuneatonrugby.co.uk) to provide even better communication with our members and the wider community, and work with the club to provide "**Rugby For The Future**".

I am proud that Nuneaton Mini and Junior section is able to offer good quality coaching and a safe, stimulating and enjoyable environment in which all young people can develop their rugby skills. This, as always, remains the number one priority for me and my colleagues.

Can I wish all players the best of luck and here's to another great season!

Tim Guilfoyle

Tim Guilfoyle
Chairman of the Nuneaton RFC Mini,
Junior and Junior Colts Section

Can I remind all players to abide by the code of contact they sign up to on the registration form.

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REGISTRATION EXPLAINED

All rugby played by clubs in England is regulated by the Rugby Football Union (RFU). This includes rugby played at mini and junior level, which covers children, aged 6 to 16.

A key responsibility on the RFU and every club is to ensure players learn to play rugby in a positive, constructive and above all safe manner and environment. Clubs such as Nuneaton are required therefore to ensure all its playing activities are undertaken in accordance with rules laid down by the RFU. These are contained within the RFU Continuum which stipulates the game rules applicable to each age group, the number of fixtures that can be played in a season, and when that season runs from and to. The Continuum is reviewed and revised each year and is published within the RFU's Website

Registration with Nuneaton RFC Mini & Juniors is in two parts. Firstly all players must, as a minimum, take out Family Social Membership with the main club. The second part of registration is the annual fee payable to the Mini & Junior Section.

This season the annual registration fees are £30 for the family social membership and £20 mini and junior annual subscription

So what do I get for my money?

- Use of the Rugby Club facilities
- Rugby pitches cut and marked for each home match
- RFU insurance
- Training from RFU qualified coaches (coaches training paid for by the section)
- Food for players after each home match
- Training equipment, rugby balls, tackle shields, tackle bags, cones, agility ladders and poles etc. (last season the section purchased over £2000 worth of equipment)
- Reduced rates at Jamie Capes - Sports Therapist, players pay only £10 per session.
- All members under 16 get free admission to 1st team home games.

Value for Money ?




Nuneaton RFC
Mini & Juniors
Approx
£1.50 a week



Local Football
Approx
£ 2.30 a week



Local Cricket
Approx
£3.60 a week



Local Swimming
Approx
£ 5 a week

Nuns News, News from the Main Club..

After two months of pre-season training we finally travelled north to Wharfedale on Saturday 5th September for our opening game of the season. The result was disappointing for the team and at 20 – 6 flattered the home side who had to defend hard, particularly in the second half when we enjoyed long periods of possession. I think we all came away from the game encouraged by the performance of our lads and I have no doubts that they and Mike Umaga will build on this for future games.

Having lost four players since the end of last season and with two out injured there were a few new faces in Saturday's team. The senior squad has increased with around a dozen or so new signings and this should allow us to focus this season on fielding a competitive Development XV.

I am sure that most, if not all of you by now will be aware of discussions that have been going on over many weeks to reach an agreement to play first team fixtures in the football stadium. At the time of writing I am pleased to report that we are close to finalising arrangements for this and I am very hopeful that when you read this newsletter we will have agreed terms that will see our first home game against Manchester on Saturday 12 September taking place in the stadium.

It was good to see so many parents at the club on Sunday registering for the new season. I know that many of you provide active support to our Minis and Juniors which is much appreciated at all levels of the club. If anyone can also spare the time to help out at the club generally, either in the week or at weekends, I would ask you please to leave your details and a contact number with Dianne at the bar and someone will contact you.

Best wishes to everyone for 2009/10 and above all, enjoy the rugby!

Robert Ryan (NRFC Chairman)



Spotlight on... "Child Welfare"

At the Nuns we believe that taking part in our sport should be an enjoyable part of a young person's life.

We want to make sure that our young players are kept safe from emotional, physical, sexual harm and neglect whilst under the responsibility of the club's coaches, helpers, administrators and other volunteers. To do this:

- Coaches will attend appropriate RFU coaching courses and stay up to date with child protection / welfare issues.
- All coaches, helpers, administrators and other volunteers will be required to complete a CRB Enhanced Disclosure Form.
- The club ensures guidelines are in place to control and monitor the use of photographic images of children
- We promote "fair play" and always play within the spirit of the laws of the RFU Continuum and work within the club's Equal Opportunities Policy and Equity Statement.
- We will keep records of attendance, parental consent and any serious accidents.

Our role as welfare officers is to deal with any concerns about emotional, physical, sexual harm and neglect within the club

Michelle Guilfoyle & Mark Howard

For more information and to keep up date with club and section news go to www.nuneatonrugby.co.uk