



Notes for coaches: U8 – U10

General:

- All teams to be registered, using the supplied registration form, by email in advance to Alastair McCrossan - alastair.mccrossan@ntlworld.com
- Completed registration forms to be returned before Wednesday 10th March.
- On the day of the Festival, all teams to arrive by 9.00am.
- A short briefing session will be held at 9.10 am in the Club House (bar area) for the Head Coach of each squad, the referees and pitch co-ordinators.
- The first round matches will commence at 9.30 am **sharp!**
- We have approached the Ulster Branch to provide referees. However, in the case of the Branch not being able to provide referees, we require each participating club to provide one experienced referee per age group. **Please nominate 1 coach per age group to act as referee and include their details on the registration form.** They will not referee any matches directly involving their own club.
- There will be a pitch co-ordinator allocated to each pitch to ensure the smooth running of all games on that pitch. They will be wearing a bib marked 'pitch steward' to identify themselves.
- Please distribute all rules & guidelines plus the Stage 1, 2 & 3 regulations to your age group coaches well in advance of the Festival as the briefing on the day will only last 10 minutes. In particular please also ensure all the codes of conduct are given out to players, coaches, parents and supporters.
- Specifically **the 5 second 'use it or lose it' rule** is to apply for rucks and mauls as the Festival is to encourage open running rugby.
- The main aim of the Festival is for the kids to have fun!

Facilities:

- Please note that CIYMS RFC has **very limited car parking facilities** and teams should make every effort to either arrive by coach or share lifts and to arrive early.
- Participating clubs should email their requirements for car parking spaces for coaching staff (within reason) as well as requirements for disabled spaces or buses and we will aim to accommodate them in the C.I. car park. Please email parking co-ordinator Richie Weir at Richard.Weir@fgspartnership.com in advance.
- Additional car parking will be available at Ashfield Boys' High School. Access is by the Wilshere Drive entrance, off the Circular Road, and stewards will be on hand to provide directions from CIYMS.
- Any clubs intending to bring coaches then please let us know and we will direct you to the additional car parking At Ashfield Boys' High School.

Ashfield Boys



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- A changing room will be allocated for each of the 7 invited clubs. The changing rooms will be signposted with each club's logo on their changing room door.
- Please also ensure that all litter is placed in the appropriate bins.

Presentation:

- Certificates for every player will be presented in the Club House at the end of the Festival at 12 noon. We hope to have a special guest available to make the presentations.
- Please ensure best behaviour at all times from the players, coaches and their supporters.

Catering

- Please collect a voucher for refreshments for each age-group at the end of the coaches briefing. The refreshments can be collected from the Stewart Room in the main clubhouse, the location of which will be signposted.
- Drinks and snacks will be available to purchase from a stall outside the main clubhouse as well as a tuck shop for kids. In addition, hot drinks and tray bakes will be on sale in the Stewarts Room inside the clubhouse.

Photographs

- A self policing policy will operate with regard to photographs taken during the Festival. The parents and relations of the participating players are permitted to take appropriate photos during matches, on the touch lines and at the presentation of awards.
- CIYMS RFC has given permission to DE Photo (www.dephoto.biz) to take photographs at the Festival. They will be displaying the photographs as the Festival progresses, making pictures available for sale to parents, players and coaches.

- The photographs are for the sole use of sale to parents, players and coaches: and for use by CIYMS RFC in appropriate media sources. All parties, by way of entering/participating in the tournament will have been deemed to have acknowledged and accepted this policy. Anyone witnesses or suspected of taking inappropriate photographs should be reported immediately to the Festival officials.

Cancellation policy

- In the event of the U8-U10 element of the Festival being cancelled, the decision will be made and each participating club contacted by 7.00pm on Friday 26th March. It is the responsibility of each participating club to ensure they are in a position to inform their players if the Festival is cancelled.

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