



TOR RFC
MINIS AND JUNIORS
WELCOME PACK
2021/2022

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What you need to do

Please read all pages, visit <https://thetorrfc.rfu.club> and register your child, please ensure all details are correct and use the contact details that you would like to use as your primary point of contact.

We have a very successful **Facebook** page which allows us to communicate widely, so please search for our page and follow us to keep updated, ask questions and generally join in the fun!



Welcome Letter

2021/22 Rugby Season

Mini & Junior

To all young rugby players and their parents, welcome to Tor Rugby Club. If you were previously members last season welcome back for another season, if you are joining us for the 1st time, congratulations on becoming a member of Tor Rugby Club.

Our aim is to encourage children to enjoy and learn the game as part of a team, using a combination of games, drills and match play at training. All children get the opportunity to play with their team in matches, as we do not select solely on the basis of ability.

Up to the under-8 age group (school yr. 3) the emphasis is on fun and tag rugby, which is non-contact. Children are not allowed to play competitive matches against other clubs until their 6th birthday but can play in mini games at training. Children are introduced to junior versions of contact rugby starting at Under 9 (Yr. 4), which includes mini games.

Many children really enjoy the rough and tumble of the game, while others revel in the running and evasion that the game offers.

Occasionally, training or matches will be cancelled and additional matches/tournaments will be organised. Your child's coach will give you details of these during the season or keep your eye on the club website or the Tor Mini and Juniors Facebook page

If training has to be cancelled due to inclement weather, details will be posted on the Mini section of the website by 09.00am on the Sunday morning.

Sponsors

This year at Tor RFC Minis and Juniors we are delighted to be supported and sponsored by local businesses. This support is very much appreciated and helps us provide the vital kit and equipment needed to help our club grow and our kids have fun! Thank you very much for your continued support.

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Street

Specsavers Street opened in 2003 and for the past fifteen years has continued to provide a service to look after the community's eyecare and hearcare needs.

The current ophthalmic Store Director, Colin Shearer, joined the team in 2014 following many years of being an Optometrist across the South West and Northern Ireland. Colin and the team strive to make looking after the local community our goal and over the year have given talks to local WI groups, schools and colleges and continued to raise money for MacMillan Cancer Support, Royal National Institute of the Blind and Breast Cancer UK. We are an accredited ACES (Acute Community Eyecare Service) provider in Somerset.

We are incredibly proud to be sponsoring Tor Rugby Club and wish the club all the very best for the forthcoming season.



TRADITIONAL ENGLISH
FISH AND CHIPS

We are a small independent family run business in Street, first established as a fish and chip shop in 1949. In 1962 Jack and Elsie Sturgess arrived with their son Keith to take over the business, which is now being run by Keith's son and daughter in law John and Cher. We pride ourselves on selecting the best potatoes and fish available for our customers to enjoy and we are proud of our 5 rating from Food Standards Agency. Group bookings up to 100 servings also welcome.

Web: www.westendfishbar.co.uk

Email: info@westendfishbar.co.uk

OPENING TIMES

Lunch: Tuesday – Saturday 12pm – 2pm

Evening: Tuesday – Friday 5pm – 10pm and Saturday 5pm – 9pm



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Coaches

We have a team of RFU qualified coaches whose aim is to develop the players' skills and abilities. We are always looking for more coaches to join our enthusiastic team of volunteers and the club, subject to agreement by the relevant section Chairman's, the club will reimburse all course fees to obtain the necessary qualification. Most importantly all coaches have been screened, with the enhanced disclosure and barring service (DBS).

There is always a trained and designated First Aider at the club during training and matches.

Data Protection

Your data security is important to us at Tor, at registration we will ask you for your child's full name, date of birth, address, any relevant medical information and your emergency contact details. This data will be held securely on the RFU General Management System (GMS) and accessed only by Tor coaches and volunteers who require the information in order to organise matches and attend festivals. Only the child's name and date of birth will be shared if required by organisers of rugby festivals and tournaments. Data will be stored on GMS only during the period that your child is associated with the club and will be removed should your child leave Tor RFC.

Full details of the Clubs Data Protection Policy can be accessed online on the club's website www.torrfc.co.uk

Should you have any concerns regarding data protection or wish to discuss any aspect of how your child's data is used, please contact torminirugby@gmail.com

Teamer App

Teamer is an online team management system created and designed to take the hassle out of managing any sports team. It helps coaches understand who is available particularly for those age groups where we have the potential to field more than one team and is a very useful tool to support us in making plans and catering for home matches. Each week your child's coach will send out notifications via Teamer, it is **REALLY IMPORTANT** that you respond as appropriate via the link and this will notify the coach if your child is available for the game or training session.

Download the free App to any smart phone or simply respond via emails.

Social Media

In order to communicate as widely and as efficiently as possible the Minis and Juniors section makes full use of social media and in particular we have an active and well supported Facebook page. This allows us to share details of upcoming games, fundraising opportunities and social events, please follow us at [Tor Rugby Minis and Junior](#). If you are not sure how, ask your child!!

Membership for 2021/2022

At Tor we try and maintain membership fees as low as possible and don't charge any weekly fees. We use funds raised through membership and other fundraising activities to provide **free food** after all matches, buy new equipment and pay for entry in tournaments.

As in previous years we look to use online payments to try and make registration and payments as simple as possible. Details of the registration system can be found at www.torrfc.co.uk we are not able to accept cash payments. As previously we must insist on a "no pay no play" policy, for insurance purposes. **Pupil Premium discount available.**

u5s & u6's	£25
u7's-u12's	£50
u13's-u16's	£60 (includes free club tie)

Pupil Premium Discount is available, in addition **Early Bird discount** is available for all payments made before the end of September.

Parent's Membership

We would encourage parents to purchase a single parents social or playing membership this helps raise additional funds for the club and brings a number of benefits:

- Use of Tor RFC facilities including the bar.
- Discounted Bar Prices.
- Ability to hire the Club house for events.
- International Rugby ticket availability (see coaches for more detail).

Social membership is currently set at just £20.

Playing Kit for 2021/2022

As we look to grow for the future we will, again this season be providing match tops for each age group. These tops will then be replaced on a rolling three-year programme. However, should any parent wish to purchase their own match top, they can be ordered

via the online shop as below. We have also moved to a new club kit supplier, **Karuta Sportswear**.

Karuta use the latest materials and fabrics and provide a full leisure, training and travel range available through their **online shop**:

<http://karuta-sportswear.com/product-category/club-shop/tor-rfc>

The online shop enables parents to purchase direct from the supplier should they wish to purchase additional items. A small rebate is generated from all purchases and this is returned to the clubs to support our development. For any merchandise queries please contact Trish Partlow.

Volunteering

As a club we cannot operate without volunteers, all of our coaches and those who work behind the scene do so in their own time. But we have struggled, as most clubs do, to generate enough volunteers and this puts the future of our club at risk. This year we will be rostering the kitchen and other tasks by age group and expect **ALL PARENTS TO COMMIT TO VOLUNTEER AT LEAST ONCE PER SEASON**.

If there are any adults who would like to play a greater role in the development of these players or help be part of the organisation of the clubs, your assistance would be most welcome. We are currently looking for volunteers to help with the section's coaching and organisation, becoming an **Age Group Team Coordinator** to support team and club communication.

If you can help, please speak with your child's coach or contact one of the mini/junior committee.

Child protection and expectations of parents/guardians,

Coaches and Players

In accordance with the RFU's Safeguard scheme, Tor Rugby Club has a Safeguarding Officer – Colin Brooks. Details are posted on the Club notice board, along with a copy of the clubs Safeguarding Policy, this is also available online.

There are certain expectations of players and coaches in addition to parents/guardians. I have attached our codes of conduct for coaches, parents/guardians and our players, and I would ask that you familiarise yourselves with these in order to ensure the safety and well-being of all young players.

In addition to these codes of conduct, I have noted some important points for parents/guardians below:

In order for the coaches to develop their squads, no child should be left without a responsible adult in attendance – the club will have coffee/tea available on Sunday mornings, so why not come for a drink while your child is enjoying the training/game? All players must be officially registered with the club.

All players must have the correct and appropriate kit/clothing (waterproofs, warm tops, track suit bottoms, studded boots etc) and protection (gum shields, U9's up). Please see attached information.

If you have any concerns regarding your child's development please do not hesitate to contact the coach, or the club safeguarding officer.

HeadCase

At Tor we take player safety seriously, if a player sustains a concussion they will be managed in accordance with best practice guidelines and the RFU Headcase initiative. The principles of management for concussion are encompassed in the 4 Rs, which are listed below.

Remember the 4 Rs:

- Recognise the signs and symptoms
- Remove the player from play
- Recover fully before returning to sport
- Return only after following a Graduated Return to Play

Parents must play their part in reducing the potential for long term injury, if a player is removed they should be excluded from all sport, including those sports played at school away from the club. They should be assessed by their GP and only return to rugby in accordance with the graduated return to play.

Further information can be found at the following link.

<http://www.englandrugby.com/my-rugby/players/player-health/concussion-headcase/management-of-concussion/>

Clubhouse Rules

To maintain the clubhouse in good condition and continue to utilise the facilities for a broad range of functions and host the various rugby teams, we would kindly request that the clubhouse rule below is fully respected and adhered to by all players and spectators alike:

Any spectators wearing muddy boots/footwear are advised to change before entering the club, please also keep the club in a clean and tidy state.

We would appreciate your cooperation and respect of the clubhouse facilities, by adhering to this basic clubhouse rule.

Finally, if you enjoy the congenial décor and welcoming ambiance of the clubhouse and are interested in using the club for a private or corporate event, we would be delighted to speak with you about your specific requirements. Please ask one of the coaches for more details.

We all look forward to welcoming you to the club at the start of the new season.

Social Events

We are looking to hold several social events during the season, for players and for parents/guardians. These are not only enjoyable but also a great way of raising much needed financial support for the club. Your child's coach will let you know when these events take place and we hope you will be able to join us.

We will keep you all updated on developments, achievements and progress at the Club, but please do not hesitate to ask whenever you have a query.

Here's looking forward to a great, positive and fun 2021/22 season.

Club Policies

Tor Rugby Club is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the well-being of all its playing members. The club believes that it is important that members, coaches, administrators and parents associated with the club should, at all times, show respect, encouraged to be open and to share any concerns or complaints that they may have about any aspect of the club with Andrew Pearce, Chairman of Mini/Junior Section and Dave Partlow our Safeguarding officer.

As a member of Tor Rugby Club you are expected to abide by the following Club rules:

- All players must play within the rules and respect officials and their decisions.
- All members must respect opponents.

- Members should keep to agreed timings for training and competitions or inform their coach if they are going to be late.
- Players must wear suitable kit – Rugby/football boots, gum shield, rugby shirt, rugby shorts and rugby socks and weather appropriate training trousers and tops– for training and match sessions, as agreed with the coach/team manager.

Equity Policy Statement

This club is committed to the concept of equity across all aspects of its development. In doing so it acknowledges and adopts the following Sport England definition:

- Sports equity is about fairness in sport, equality of access, recognising inequalities and taking steps to address them. It is about changing the culture and structure of sport to ensure it becomes equally accessible to everyone in society.
- The club respects the rights, dignity and worth of every person and will treat everyone equally within the context of their sport, regardless of age, ability, gender, race, ethnicity, religious belief, sexuality or social/economic status.
- The club is committed to everyone having the right to enjoy their sport in an environment free from threat of intimidation, harassment and abuse. All club members have a responsibility to oppose discriminatory behaviour and promote equality of opportunity.
- The club will deal with any incidence of discriminatory behaviour seriously, according to club disciplinary procedures.

As members of the Rugby Family

WE ALWAYS:

- Support positively and applaud good play.
- Respect officials and opposition players.
- Remember that children are playing to have fun.
- Behave as good role models on the touchline.
- Congratulate the opposition and make their supporters welcome. As members of the rugby family

WE NEVER:

- Force our child to play rugby.
- Stray from the touchline onto the pitch.
- Verbally abuse match officials, players or other spectators.
- Threaten, intimidate or use bad language.
- Give offence by way of insult, humiliation or discrimination

Players Code of Conduct

- **Play the game for the fun of it** – not to please your parents, guardian or coaches.
- **Learn the laws of the game** – and play by them.
- **Accept the referee's decision** – even when he is wrong, he is right!! It is the 'Rugby Way'.
- **Keep trying** – even when it seems hopeless, never let your head drop!! Play as well as you can until the final whistle.
- **Be a good sport** – recognise good play, whether it is by your own team or by the opposition. You can learn valuable lessons when the opposition are playing better than your own team.
- **Learn how to lose with dignity** – valuable life skills can be learnt by taking defeat in a dignified way. Hold your head up high and congratulate the opposition on their victory.
- **You cannot win them all** – it would hardly be worth playing if you did, as there would be no sense of achievement!
- **Treat all players as you would like to be treated** – do not harass, bully, or take an unfair advantage of any other player.
- **Remember** – as well as enjoyment, the aims of the game are to improve your skills, and to keep you fit and healthy.
- **Co-operate** – with your coach, referee, team mates and opposition. Without them you do not have a game.
- **Do not over celebrate** – after scoring, or after the match.
- **Never demean or ridicule the opposition** – either by words or actions when you are in the ascendancy. You wouldn't like it to happen to you!
- **Get to know your opposition** – you will realise that they are no different to you; they just wear different coloured shirts! You will find that many of them will be friends you will keep throughout your life even if you never play for the same club.

Be proud of your club. Your actions reflect on you and your club – make sure they are positive ones, not negative!

Coaches Code of Conduct

- Be reasonable in your demands on your young player's time, energy and enthusiasm; remember that they have other interests too.
- Consider the wellbeing and safety of players before development of performance.
- Develop an appropriate working relationship with players based on mutual trust and respect.
- Teach your players that the Laws of the Game are mutual agreements that no one should break.
- Avoid overplaying the talented players – the other players need and deserve equal time and may well become the star players of tomorrow if encouraged and nurtured correctly.
- Children play for fun – winning is only part of it.
- Never yell or ridicule children for making mistakes or losing. Encourage them to value their performances (win, lose or draw) and their behaviour.
- Follow the advice of a Doctor in determining when an injured player is ready to play again.
- Gain respect by being generous with your praise when it is deserved and set a good example in every way.
- Improve your players through coaching – frequent match play or long practice sessions do not guarantee successful development.
- Award sportsmanship and good behaviour.
- Fair play must be highly valued by the players.
- Be fully aware of your responsibilities with regard to the club's Child Protection Policy and also the RFU guidelines.
- Hold current and appropriate coaching qualifications and insurance (through the club) and be DBS checked.
- Never encourage rule violations or rough play.
- Make sure all activities are appropriate to the age, ability, and experience of those taking part.
- Display consistently high standards of behaviour and appearance

Parent/Spectator Code of Conduct

- Do not force or cajole an unwilling child to participate in rugby
- Teach the child to know and always play by the Laws of the Game
- Instil in the child an understanding of the value of coaching
- Always keep OFF the pitch and let the coach 'call the shots'
- Recognise the effort and importance of coaches and referees – they give freely of their time to provide rugby for the children
- Learn that children play rugby for their own fun, not to entertain you!
- Stress the need to respect referees. DO NOT abuse them publicly yourself by questioning their honesty or decision-making
- Never ridicule or scold a child for making a mistake – always offer support and encouragement
- Applaud good play by both teams - they will hear this
- Do not shout continuously – they will not be listening
- Encourage honest effort – teach children that this is as important as victory
- Set a good example to everyone else by YOUR behaviour
- Always challenge the use of bad language and behaviour

Mini & Junior Committee

The following are members of the Mini/Junior Committee:

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