



## Northwich RUFC Mini & Junior Section

The community rugby club in Mid Cheshire

Season 2011 / 2012



Dear Parent/Carer

For some of you this will be a welcome to the Club, for others a welcome back. This coming season will see quite a few changes in the way that the Mini & Junior sections are run. We have identified the need to make improvements in various sections of our organisation and we intend to put measures into place to make things run more efficiently.

This Season

- We will offer an online service to pay subscriptions via PayPal.
- We will be standardising the kit across the Mini & Junior sections.
- We are launching a new Club website where each team can control their own page.
- We have appointed a Fundraising Manager to help raise funds for various projects via local businesses.

Our aim going forward is to try to work together as a Club, age groups supporting each other, encouraging the children to keep coming back and also to bring their friends along. With clubs folding and junior rugby generally finding itself struggling we want to cement our position as "Team of the Town" and ensure a future for the Club and provide a great environment for the children to enjoy their rugby.

We have decided to standardise the playing kit across the whole Mini & Junior section. We want every child to have a playing shirt, shorts and socks - that match! We have spoken to our supplier who has given us a great deal on a bulk purchase and also guaranteed us availability of the kit for 3 seasons. The Club has provided funds to subsidise part of the cost and the details are as follows:

- Subscription for season 2011/2012 will be £45.00, Family membership (multiple siblings) £70. Each player will also receive a NRUFC goody bag.
- The subsidised price of the kit will be £25.00 per player, representing a saving of £15.00.

We understand that the economy is not in best health and perhaps people's finances are a little stretched, our new PayPal site will allow you to pay a small amount each month or all at once - the choice is yours. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child's coach or get in touch with any of the Committee, details can be found at the end of the letter.

Until the PayPal site becomes live, can we ask that people come to registration day on the 4<sup>th</sup> September 2011 and register then or fill in the registration form as normal. Cheques can be made payable to NORTHWICH YDF RUFC



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### Registration Day - Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September

The first Sunday of the season is traditionally our Registration and Enrolment day. We will aim to get the majority of mini and junior players registered and their annual subscriptions collected. Training will be as usual with all our coaches taking their individual teams (all names of the coaches and their assistants are on the fixture list or on the web site), but during the morning John Aston and Scott Naylor will liaise with each team and collate all memberships John and Scott will continue to work with the age groups to ensure we are up to date with our subscriptions and registrations. Please check it, make the necessary changes, sign it and either send it to us by post beforehand or bring it with you on Registration day. Don't worry if you forget, as we'll have spare forms for you to fill in at the clubhouse. As usual, there are separate registration arrangements for the Junior Colts.

**Looking back at the 2010-11 season**, we had 200 players in all age groups from U7s to Colts, with a number of players being selected to Cheshire and regional squads. We have a wealth of talent at both player and coaching level, which resulted in teams picking up silverware.

For the first time the Club hosted the Cheshire Under 14's finals day, the club were complimented by the county for the efficient way in which it handled the whole day. The TRY RUGBY days have again been successful and we look forward to an influx of new players at the start of the season. The club were also named as the Cheshire West and Chester Club of the Year for 2010/2011

**OPRO Mouth guards** - OPRO have been booked to visit the club on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September to custom fit mouth guards. For more information please contact Ian Grassby or visit [www.opro.com](http://www.opro.com)

**Charity Status** This will be our third year as a registered charity. Our charitable status assists in attracting sponsorship and grants, and allows us to recover tax on donations, including the registration fee.

**Rugby Football Union (RFU) Registration and photographs** We will be taking photos during the registration session and will include these in the registration documentation. From this, we will be providing each coach with their team's players so that they have the appropriate contact and RFU information with them for all activities.

**Fixtures** You should also find enclosed a copy of this year's fixtures for all teams from U7 to U16's,. All the matches have been scheduled by Ian Grassby our fixture secretary. Your team coach will inform you of any changes from the published fixtures list.



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**Coach Education** - We will be running courses for 'would be' coaches during the Season. If you are interested then inform your coach or contact Ian Grassby who can provide more information.

**Volunteers** - As the number of players at the club continues to increase dramatically we are constantly looking for helpers of all kinds. Specifically, this season we would like to have a team manager per team, last year we achieved this for some teams and this helped the coaches enormously. This would be someone who helps the coach with registration, newsletters, write match reports and who can answer questions about the club for new parents and players. If you know someone who would like to help, please contact the committee.

**Community Coach** - Again this year we will be working with Chris Jones our RFU Community Rugby Coach to develop and improve the provision of rugby in the area. If any parents have any contacts or knowledge of the schools in the area that may benefit from this support for rugby then please contact Ian Grassby.

**Web site** - Our web site still proves to be very popular with over 20,000 unique hits per month. There is a team page for each team, news, fixtures, match reports and photographs. There is also information from all last season's matches plus directions to all this year's away fixtures. Please let me know if we can add any more useful information onto the site.

**Northwich Festival** - Finally don't forget this year's '**Northwich Festival**'. This event is where the club, as a whole, raises a lot of its funds, this year we're hoping for £10,000. We'd like everyone's support to both help and participate in the events themselves over the Bank Holiday weekend 26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> August. Details of the main events are given on the enclosed flier. For further and full details go the festival website at <http://www.northwich-festival.co.uk>.

Good luck to all for the new season

If you have any questions or feel you can contribute in any way please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours in Rugby

*Northwich RUFC Mini & Junior Committee*

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