



42nd KCRFU Mini Festival
23rd March 2025
Welcome Pack
Hosted by Gravesend RFC



Dear Age Group Contact

This season brings us the 42nd Kent County RFU Mini Festival We, at **Gravesend RFC** will be hosting the U10s part of the festival, we look forward to welcoming you, your players, spectators, first aiders, referees and more for a fun filled day of rugby.

This pack will provide you with all the information that you need. Please share any relevant information with those who are visiting us on the day.

Important Contacts

Festival Organiser			
Gravesend RFU M&Y Chairperson	Stacey Sewell	07891686621	miniandyouthmanage rgrfc@gmail.com
KCRFU Mini Chairperson	Dawn Waters	07931511424	mini-rugby@kent-rug by.org

Your first contact for the day should be the festival organiser as they will know the individual information and requirements for their venue. Please go through your age group contact in all correspondence unless it is an emergency.

Important Timings on the day

Registration	08.45 am - 09.45 am
Referees Briefing	09.30 am
All players, spectators and visitors on site by	9.30 am
First Matches Kick off	10.00am
Festival Ends	13:00 (approximately)

Parking

Although there is lots of parking around the festival, careful planning has gone into ensuring congestion in the area is kept to a minimum.

There will be no parking at Gravesend Rugby club on the day with the exception of ONE car per team. Please see attached to this pack a voucher which must be printed and brought on the day to allow one car per team access to the car park in order to bring kit, gazebos etc. to site. You will be given a ref number nearer to the time to be written on the voucher. Do not duplicate, We will have to turn away any cars once valid vouchers have been presented.

To ensure congestion is reduced, each team will be allocated a parking zone to use. Please see attached to this pack an outline of parking zones including the associated postcodes and details of any “cut throughs” that will get attendees to the site as quickly as possible. We ask that teams stick to their designated parking zones, Each zone is no more than a 7 minute walk to the club.

We ask that when parking in local streets you consider our neighbours.

Gate/Entry fees

As per Kent County RFU guidelines for all the minis Kent events, entry to all grounds will be **£2.50 per adult** (children free entry). Cash is preferred to facilitate a swift entry to the site although there will be a limited number of card machines. Wristbands will be issued as proof of payment.

This fee is separate to the counties entry fee per team as the KCRFU Mini Festival is a self funding festival so all teams entrance fees paid go towards the counties running costs i.e. first aid, medals, memorabilia, balls etc. Whereas the entrance fee on the day goes to the running costs for the hosts i.e. toilets, wear and tear of pitches, parking costs etc.

Registration

All teams must be registered upon arrival using the appropriate KCRFU Team Sheet and Photo Consent form as attached. The registration desk will be in the Mini and Youth Pavillion. Please remember that RFU numbers and dates of birth will be needed. If you wish to forward your registration forms to us prior to the event please email them to the festival organizer (miniandyouthmanagergrfc@gmail.com). Unfortunately we will not be able to cater for any additional players over the team size with regards to medals etc so please ensure you stick to the maximum team size as below.

Age Group	Players on Pitch	Max. Squad size including subs
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Under 7	4 players	6 players
Under 8	6 players	10 players
Under 9	7 players	12 players
Under 10	8 players	14 players
Under 11	9 players	16 players

All participating players must be RFU registered on the RFU's registration platform (GMS).

To allow us at Kent County RFU to plan for the future we will be completing a player audit in the forthcoming weeks of which all registration forms will assist us in completing.

Team selection

The festival is a mixed ability event and we would ask that you take note of this for your team selections. Mini rugby is non competitive so there is to be no recording of scores. Lets keep those smiles on everyone's faces.

Festival Rules

Regulation 15 Age Grade Rules will apply to all rugby games. The festival rules can be found in the mini section of the KCRFU Website www.kentrugby.org

Players, coaches, and spectators are required to observe the appropriate Codes of Conduct.

Presentations

There will be no overall festival presentation at the end of play. We ask that each club does their own awards and presentations to its own players. Each player at the festival will receive a medal and a piece of memorabilia.

Programme and Match Schedule

All schedules and pool drawers will be released on the Kent County Website on the afternoon of Friday 21st March 2025. www.kentrugby.org

Pitch marshals will have hard copies of playing schedules for reference. Please try to keep to the match playing schedule – right pitch – right time and help us to ensure the day is full of free flowing rugby games with as few hold ups as possible

Pitch marshals will be on hand to assist.

No matches will be rescheduled.

First Aid

Each team should come equipped with a first aid kit and appropriately trained first aider.

Additional Festival first from Pulse South Coast is provided by Kent RFU and will be located in the control tent.

Emergencies

The festival is coordinated on the day from the central registration / control gazebo. Please report any emergencies, problems regarding the playing area or general matters to the registration tent.

Any lost children must be taken to or reported to the central registration/control tent.

Referees

Each participating team is asked to provide a referee for half of each game, this can be a team coach.

The referees must attend the briefing at the control tent at 9:30 am.

Refreshments

There will be a variety of hot and cold food and drink available from our catering partners Cholesterol Heaven at two food bases at Gravesend Rugby Club and at the Old Gravesend Clubhouse for those on pitches at Old Gs. Food is available from 9:00. Our Club bar will also open at 9:00.

We will also have our "Ruck Shop" open – GRFC's own tuck shop with sweets and drinks. An Ice cream van will also be on site.

We ask that although we are in a modern age that food is not ordered from outside franchises and delivered to any of our hosting clubs.

Only the organisers will be permitted to have BBQ's on site.

Toilets

Toilets are located at The Pavillion, The Main clubhouse, Old Gravesendians Clubhouse, Changing rooms as well as some portable toilets being on site. Disabled toilets are available in our main club house via the players bar.

Photography

The organisers recognize the need to ensure the safety and well-being of all the youngsters playing in the festival. As a part of this commitment the taking of photographs will be permitted only within the guidelines laid down by Kent RFU. Accredited Press photographers may also be present.

Dogs

Dogs are welcome but must be kept off the pitches and be on leads at all times. All dog waste must be cleared away by owners immediately and none allowed on playing surfaces.

Tents and Gazebos

You're more than welcome to bring tents and gazebos, please ensure that they are placed at least 5m away from pitch boundaries and placed in the area outlined on the site map above. It is imperative that you secure your gazebos with pegs. The weather can change quickly and there is limited shelter around the pitches, for the safety of all visitors we don't want tents flying around.

Rubbish

Please ensure that you gather up all your rubbish after your visit and place it in the bins provided. We will provide you with two rubbish bags per team at registration to help with cleaning.

Club Values and Behaviour

Kent County RFU and its festival hosts promote and encourage the core rugby values of Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline and Sportsmanship. We ask that all coaches, players and supporters abide by these in order for everyone visiting our club to have an enjoyable experience.

We look forward to seeing you on the day.

Stacey Sewell
GRFC Mini & Youth Chair

Site Map

Gravesend RFC Amenities



Old Gs Amenities



To celebrate the 2025 Women's world Cup. Our pitches are named after the amazing Red Roses.

- A) Scarratt
- B) Packer
- C) Cokayne
- D) Hunt
- E) Matthews
- F) Bern
- G) Atkin-Davies
- H) Aldcroft
- I) Harrison
- J) Botterman
- K) Kildunne
- L) Dow

