



KCRFU Mini Festival
23rd March 2025
Welcome Pack



Hosted by Beckenham RFC
Balmoral Avenue, Beckenham, Kent, BR3 3RD.

Dear Participating club,

This season brings us the 42nd Kent County RFU Mini Festival. We at Beckenham RFC will be co-hosting the U9 part of the festival. We look forward to welcoming you, your players, spectators, referees for a fun filled day of rugby.

This information pack will provide you with all the information you need. We ask that you share all relevant information with visiting coaches and parents. **PLEASE DISTRIBUTE THE ENCLOSED INFORMATION TO ALL MEMBERS OF YOUR CLUB TRAVELLING TO THE FESTIVAL.**

Important Contacts

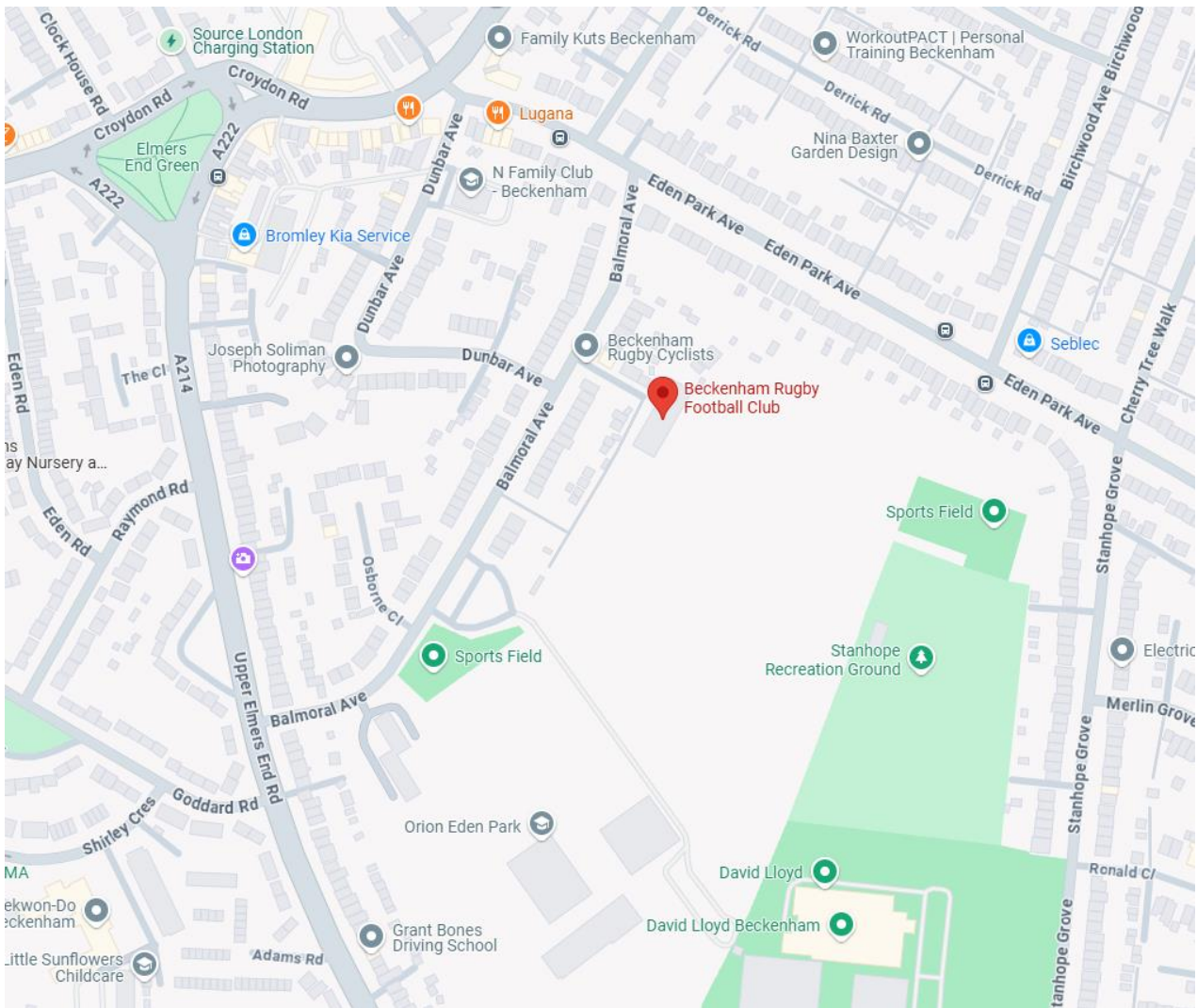
Beckenham Youth Chairman	Darren Carr	darren.n.carr@gmail.com	07810 807273
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Gates open: 08.30 am
Registration: 08:45 am – 9:45 am
Referees' Briefing: 09:30 am (by control tent)
First Matches Kick Off: 10:00 am
Festival ends: 13.00 (approximately) pool draws to follow

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ENJOYMENT
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SPORTSMANSHIP

Parking (IMPORTANT PLEASE READ)

The club is accessed by Balmoral Avenue. There is limited parking at BRFC.



We have also arranged for parking for 75 cars at Orion Eden Park School (Balmoral Avenue, Beckenham, Kent BR3 3RD) which is a short walk away. If you park here, **you must remove your vehicle by 2:00 pm** that day as the school's caretaker will be locking up the site promptly at 2:00 pm.

We advise that you leave plenty of time to find parking on the nearby streets.

Please park on Balmoral Avenue and Dunbar Avenue considerately. They will be very busy throughout the morning and we must maintain an orderly flow of vehicles as a courtesy to our neighbours. We recommend you try parking on other surrounding roads. No parking permits are required in the surrounding area.

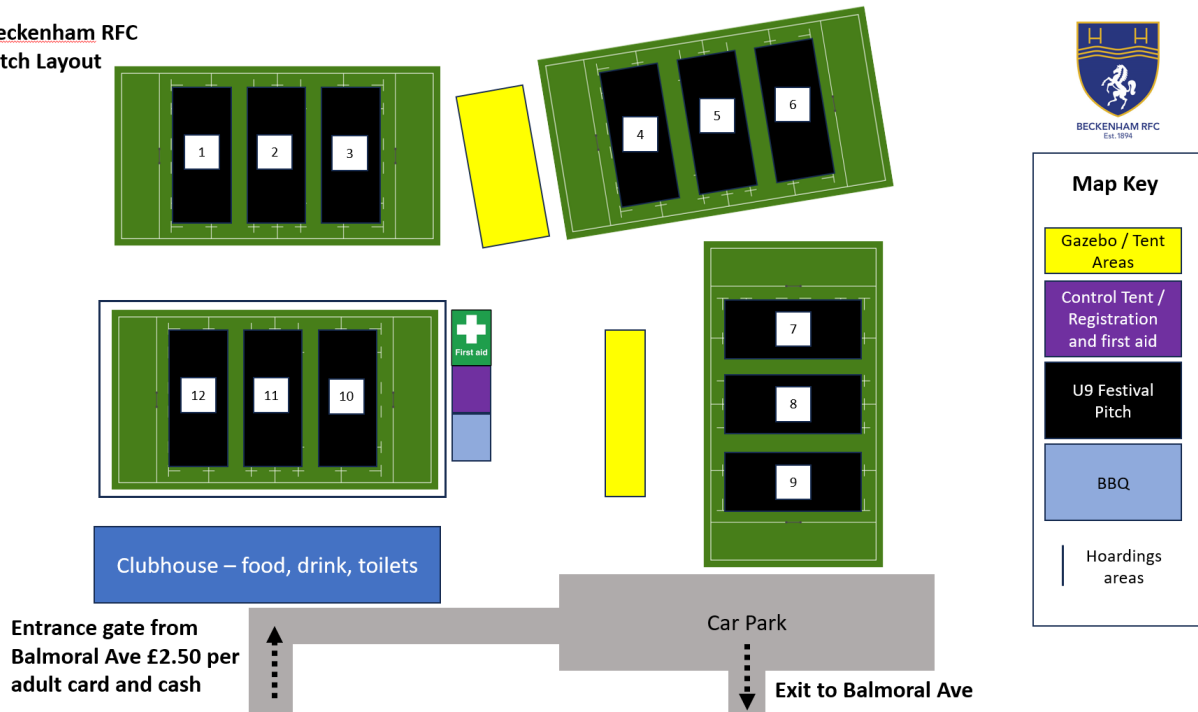
Please listen to and comply with all directions issued by our car parking marshals. Some will be positioned on Balmoral Avenue. They will prevent car access to the club once the car park is full. Whilst this maybe frustrating to you, it is imperative we avoid congestion in the car park and allow speedy access to the site by the emergency services if required.

We cannot guarantee a parking space for lead coaches at the club. We request that each club designates one coach to arrive early with your kit and gazebo. However, if the car park is full, you can drop off kit at the club's entrance and it will be attended to by the car parking marshals while you park up in a nearby street.

Pitch Map

Please see the site map below.

**Beckenham RFC
Pitch Layout**



Spectators are required to remain behind the hoardings on the main pitch in front of the club house. For safety reasons, only players and coaches should be on the adult pitches which contain U9 sized pitches.

Gate/Entry fees

As per Kent County RFU guidelines for all the minis Kent events, entry to the ground 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. Wrist bands will be issued as proof of payment.

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 at the control tent from 8:30 am to 9:45 am. Medals bags for players should be collected from the registration point before play commences.

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 martin.pates@outlook.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
Under 9	7 players	12 players

All participating players must be RFU registered on the RFU’s registration platform (GMS). The registration forms will allow Kent County RFU to plan for the future and they will be completing a player audit in the forthcoming weeks.

Team selection

The festival is a mixed ability event and we would ask that you take note of this for your team selections.

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 (<https://www.kent-rugby.org/mini/>).

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.

Programme/Match schedule

All schedules and pool drawers will be released on the Kent County website (<https://www.kent-rugby.org/mini/>) on or around the afternoon of Friday 21st March 2025.

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.

Referees

It is the responsibility of each participating team 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.

Toilets

Toilets are located in the clubhouse and in the club changing rooms.

Disabled toilets are available in the clubhouse.

First Aid

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

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

Emergencies

The festival is co-ordinated on the day from the central registration / control gazebo. Please report any problems regarding the playing area or general matters to the registration tent. Any lost children should be taken to this point.

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 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 to BRFC, please ensure that they are placed in the areas outlined on the site map above so we can maintain easy access to the pitches. 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.

Food and Drink

There will be hot and cold drinks as well as breakfast and hot snacks available from 8.30am. Hot drinks and food will be available to purchase from within the clubhouse. The main clubhouse bar will be open from 11:00am.

Additionally, there will be an outdoor BBQ and stall selling teas, coffees, soft drinks and sweets.

Rubbish

Please ensure that you gather up all your rubbish after your visit and place it in the bins provided.

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.

Martin Pates
Head of U9 Rugby