



Kent 42<sup>nd</sup> U11  
Mini Festival  
23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025



Dear U11 contacts,

This season brings us the 42nd Kent County RFU Mini Festival We, at Aylesford Bulls RFC will be /hosting the under 11's part of this year's festival, and 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

Aylesford Bulls Festival contact is Tony Merlini contact number 07916314529 & Jayne Ashdown-Denney 07842962825

Kent Mini Chair is Dawn Walters contact number 07931511424

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

Car Park open from	8:30am
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	1pm.....(approximately)
Car Parks close	1 hour after last game finishes

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### Parking

This year we have 3 locations for parking-

Main parking- Ferryfields Recreation Ground Hall Road Aylesford Kent ME20 7QN- **grass parking height restricted parking set at 2m and under. No commercial vehicles allowed.**

The RBL village ME20 7DL -hard standing parking approx 3 min walk from the club ground all commercial and high vehicles to park here only

The Jack Williams ground Hall Road ME20 7DS- **mix of grass and hard standing parking with a height restriction set at 2m and under and no access for commercial vehicles.**

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 county's 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 located on the Bulls training paddock next to the BBQ Please remember that RFU numbers and dates of birth are required for all players . If you wish to forward your registration forms to us prior to the event please email them to [jayne.ashdowndenney@aylesfordbulls.com](mailto:jayne.ashdowndenney@aylesfordbulls.com) no e mail will be accepted after mid-night on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March. 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.

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Age Group	Players on Pitch	Max. Squad size including subs
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](http://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.

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### 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](http://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 must come equipped with a first aid kit and appropriately trained first aider, as per entry requirements.

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.

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There will be a variety of hot and cold food and drink available from our BBQ located on the Bulls paddock by pitches 7 and 8 the clubhouse will be serving drinks only and is a cash less location.

No outside food sources are permitted.

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

### Toilets

Toilets are located with the changing rooms aor the club house and Portaloo will be the side of the main clubhouse all are approx 4 mins from any 1 pitch.) Disabled toilets are available

### 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. Please share any social media post with us we look forward to seeing them #aylesfordbulls

### Dogs

**Dogs are not welcome, on the Jack Willimas ground but can be walked on a lead in Ferryfields ONLY they**

### Tents and Gazebos

You're more than welcome to bring tents and gazebos, all gaebo are to place in the following 2 location only – In ferryfields at the far end after the pitch 4 and on The Jack Williams ground within the paddock are only 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.

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### Club Values and Behavior

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.*

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