



U8 KENT FESTIVAL

Sunday 23 March 2025

@ Sittingbourne



Welcome to the 2025 Under 8's Kent Festival at Sittingbourne!

KEY INFORMATION

Contact on Day	James Hobson (07801 092221)
Registration	08.30 – 09.30
Referee Briefing	09.30
Matches Start	10.00

Car Parking

As many of you are probably aware, car parking is a major issue at our ground and car-sharing is encouraged. We have secured the use of additional parking at Westlands School.

Main Parking

Westlands School, Westlands Ave, Sittingbourne ME10 1PF

Enter via Westlands Avenue off A2 opposite Marino Fish Bar

Pitches and Parking for Head Coaches with equipment only and drop-off:

Gore Court Cricket Club, The Grove, Key Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 1YT

Enter via Sandford Road and Andrews Walk off A2, east side of cricket ground.

A map is attached.

Entry

As per Kent County RFU guidelines we will be charging an entry fee of £2.50 per adult (children free entry). Please pay the stewards. Cash is preferred although card machines will be available. Wristbands will be issued as proof of payment.

This fee is separate to the Counties entry fee. The KCRFU Mini Festival is a self-funding festival and entrance fees go towards the Counties running costs i.e. first aid, medals, memorabilia, balls etc. 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

Registration will be inside the Clubhouse from 08.30 – 09.30.

Please complete the Registration Form attached with names of players, RFU ID and photography consent. It will be a help if Registration Forms can be completed in advance and emailed to James Hobson (jhobson1985@hotmail.co.uk).

KCRFU will not be able to cater for any additional players over the team size with regards to medals etc. For future planning, KCRFU will be completing a player audit and the registration forms will assist in completing that.

Format

The Festival will be non-competitive. Every participant will receive a medal and memorabilia which will be given out to clubs on registration.

Squads will be up to 10 players with 6 players on the pitch.

We plan to run five pitches with five or six teams to each pitch. Matches will be 5 minutes each half with one minute break for half time, and so should finish 12.30-13.00. All schedules and pool drawers will be released on the Kent County Website on the afternoon of Friday 21st March 2025. www.kentrugby.org

There will be at least one pitch marshal for each pitch to ensure the smooth running of matches. It is in everyone's interest to follow programme timing as closely as possible.

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.

Referees

Each participating team must provide a referee. There will be a briefing for referees at 09.30.

First Aid

Teams should come equipped with a first aid kit and appropriately trained first aider. However, there will be medical cover available throughout the festival from Pulse South Coast provided by KCRFU and located in the control tent. If you have any doctors or nurses attending, could they please make themselves known at registration. In case of any emergency, additional help is always welcome.

Emergencies

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

Any lost children should be taken to or reported to the central control

Refreshments

Refreshments will be available from the Clubhouse throughout the morning.

The Bar will open in the Clubhouse at 11.00.

Please ensure that all rubbish is placed in the bins and bags provided.

Toilets

Male and female toilets are located in the Clubhouse. Turn left inside the main door or right inside the side door.

Photography

The organisers recognise 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 the RFU and Kent RFU. The organisers reserve the right to challenge any adult taking photographs during the festival whose activities appear in any way unacceptable.

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

Please ensure any tents or gazebos are placed at least 5 m away from pitch boundaries and that they are secured with pegs.

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.

Thankyou for your support in helping us to ensure the day runs smoothly and that everyone has an enjoyable time.

Good Luck!

James Hobson

Sittingbourne Chair

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