

*Entry Fee £2.50 per adult*

# **KENT COUNTY RFU**

## **MINI RUGBY**

### **Festivals 2026**



## **U11S**

## **MEDWAY RFC**

### **SUNDAY 29TH MARCH 2026**

U7s at AYLESFORD BULLS RFC & ASHFORD RFC

U8s at LORDSWOOD RFC & FOLKESTONE RFC

U9s at TONBRIDGE JUDDIANS RFC & PARKHOUSE RFC

U10s at GRAVESEND RFC & BECKENHAM RFC

U11s at MEDWAY RFC & SITTINGBOURNE RFC

# WELCOME

The 43rd Kent County Mini Festival on Sunday 29 March 2026 is set to be a fun-filled day of rugby.

To everyone attending the Kent County RFU Mini Rugby Festival, from our 34 clubs, thank you – I hope you all have a fantastic time. It's the players who truly bring our sport to life, with their talent, enthusiasm, energy and skill – and so much more besides. The teamwork and respect they show one another knows no limits. Whether it's praising a teammate or recognising a player from another club, they all share the same thing: a passion for rugby that brings them together.

When I look back on past festivals, there are many moments that make me smile, but one stands out above the rest – arriving early at a club and seeing young players from different teams simply passing a ball around together while the adults set up the gazebos. It happens every season, and it perfectly captures the spirit of our game.

It's the smiles and enjoyment on the faces of thousands of players that remind us why we do this. Without them, there would be no festival. And without their devoted parents and carers – who brave all weathers to get them to training week in, week out – we wouldn't have teams to coach or the chance to witness those fantastic runs, tries, tags and tackles... or the ice cream spills and mud-covered kits along the way. Thank you all.

Mini Rugby continues to grow season after season across our county, reflected this year in having 10 host clubs. Each has been led by a festival coordinator who has gone above and beyond, working with their club's volunteers to make this event possible and to give over 3,900 players the opportunity to take part.

I would like to extend a special thank you to Jayne and Mark from Aylesford Bulls RFC; Chris from Ashford RFC; Ollie and Leigh from Folkestone RFC; Chris from Lordswood RFC; Vicky, Dave and Darren from Tonbridge Juddians RFC; Alex from Park House RFC; Martin and Brigid from Beckenham RFC; Stacey from Gravesend RFC; Mel and Jo from Medway RFC; and Alex and David from Sittingbourne RFC. From the first spreadsheet to the final whistle, they have been instrumental in bringing this festival to life. We owe them, and all the volunteers at each club, our sincere thanks.

The 2025/26 season has also seen the introduction of a new role within Kent Minis – our first Mini Vice Chair. Jamie has been working alongside me for the past few months, has well and truly dived in at the deep end, and has already shown he is the right person for the role. Thank you, Jamie.

Kent Minis are still looking to expand the team by welcoming Festival Managers, so if you're interested in getting more involved, please do get in touch with Jamie or me.

**“Kent County RFU Minis play rugby, what's your superpower?”**

**Dawn Waters**  
**KCRFU Mini Chairperson**



## Important Kent Mini Festival Information

The number of players per team should be in accordance with RFU Regulations and the maximum squad sizes, pitch size and ball size permissible are:

<b>Age Group</b>	<b>Team Size on Pitch</b>	<b>Team Size with Subs</b>	<b>Pitch Size (Maximum)</b>	<b>Ball Size</b>
Under 7	4 players	6 players	20 x 12 metres	3
Under 8	6 players	10 players	45 x 22 metres	3
Under 9	7 players	12 players	60 x 30 metres	3
Under 10	8 players	14 players	60 x 35 metres	4
Under 11	9 players	16 players	60 x 43 metres	4

Important Game Information is as follows:-

<b>Age Group</b>	<b>Each Half</b>	<b>Maximum Games Played</b>	<b>Maximum Game Time</b>
Under 7	5 minutes	5	50 minutes
Under 8	5 minutes	5	50 minutes
Under 9	6 minutes	5	60 minutes
Under 10	6 minutes	5	60 minutes
Under 11	7 minutes	5	70 minutes

**NB:** No extra time is permitted in any match except added injury time.

Mini rugby is non competitive so all teams should comprise of players with mixed ability. Players are only permitted to play for the team they are registered for. They are not permitted to play for numerous teams, even if from the same club.

Half Game Rule Kent RFU and England Rugby are encouraging all age grade clubs, schools and colleges to ensure that all of their match day squad play in at least half a game, in all games. For more information on this go to:-

[https:// www.englandrugby.com/news/half-game-rule-rolled-out-across-age-grade-game-1331263/](https://www.englandrugby.com/news/half-game-rule-rolled-out-across-age-grade-game-1331263/)

## Match Schedule for pools with five teams

<b>4 Team Pool</b>	
10:00	Team A v Team B
10:20	Team C v Team D
10:40	BREAK
10:55	Team A v Team C
11:15	Team B v Team D
11:35	BREAK
11:50	Team A v Team D
02:24	Team B v Team C

<b>5 Team Pool</b>	
10:00	Team B v Team D
10:15	Team C v Team E
10:30	Team A v Team B
10:45	Team C v Team D
11:00	Team A v Team E
11:15	Team B v Team C
11:30	Team A v Team D
11:45	Team B v Team E
12:00	Team A v Team C
12:15	Team D v Team E

## Match Schedule for pools with six teams

<b>6 Team Pool</b>	
10:00	Team A v Team B
10:15	Team C v Team D
10:30	Team E v Team F
10:45	Team A v Team D
11:00	Team B v Team E
11:15	Team C v Team F
11:30	Team D v Team E
11:45	Team A v Team C
12:00	Team F v Team B
12:15	Team A v Team E
12:30	Team B v Team C
12:45	Team D v Team F

Allocations of teams will be provided by your host clubs on registration, via the teams coach or manager, at the festival, alternatively you can access via the Kent County RFU website using the address below.

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

**Save the date!**

**The 44th Kent County RFU festival will be held on Sunday  
14th March 2027**

**We hope to see you there!**

# Kent County RFU - Club Colours

Ash - Green and White Hoops  
Ashford - Gold, Red and Black Hoops  
Aylesford Bulls - Red and Blue Hoops  
Beccehamians - Maroon, Black and White Hoops,  
Beckenham - Blue and Gold  
Bexley - Blue and White  
Blackheath - Black and Red  
Bromley - Amber and Black Hoops  
Canterbury - Black and Amber  
Charlton Park - Red and White Hoops  
Cranbrook - Maroon and White  
Dartfordians - Maroon and Gold  
Dartford Valley - Red and Black  
Dover - Navy and Sky hoops  
Deal and Betteshanger - All Black  
Edenbridge - Yellow and Black Hoops  
Folkestone - Green and White Hoops  
Gravesend - Black and White Hoops  
Gillingham Anchorians - Purple, Black and White Hoops  
Lordswood - Black and Gold  
Maidstone - Red, White and Black Hoops  
Medway - Scarlet and Gold Hoops  
New Ash Green - Green and Black  
Old Alleynians - Navy, Black and Sky-Blue Hoops  
Old Colfeians - Navy, Gold, Maroon, Black  
Old Elthamians - Blue and Gold Hoops  
Old Gravesendians - Dark Blue and Light Blue hoops  
Parkhouse - Black with Red Hoops  
Sevenoaks - Blue and Yellow  
Sheppey - White with Red Band  
Sidcup - White  
Sittingbourne - Navy and Gold Stripes  
Southwark Tigers - Black and Gold  
Swanley - Green, Black and White  
Thanet Wanderers - Yellow, Black and Blue  
Tonbridge Juddians - Red, White and Blue Hoops  
Tunbridge Wells - Blue and White Quarters  
Vigo - Black and Red  
Westcombe Park - Navy and Thin White Hoops  
Whitstable - Blue and White Hoops

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# Wooden Spoon

The children's charity of rugby

COMPETITIVE MENU

Friendlies, Triangulars & Festivals

Quilter Kids First Rugby

Max numbers - 4  
Max Pitch Size(m) - 20x12  
Max mins per half - 10  
Max mins per day - 50

## U7

- + Tag

Max numbers - 6  
Max Pitch Size(m) - 45x22  
Max mins per half - 10  
Max mins per day - 50

## U8

- + Tag - 6 tags to score

Max numbers - 7  
Max Pitch Size(m) - 60x30  
Max mins per half - 15  
Max mins per day - 60

## U9

- + Contact game starts
- + Tackle including hold

Max numbers - 8  
Max Pitch Size (m) - 60x35  
Max mins per half - 15  
Max mins per day - 60

## U10

- + 3 player uncontested scrum
- + Ruck and Maul - 1 support player per team
- + Tackle not hold

Max numbers - 9  
Max Pitch Size(m) - 60x43  
Max mins per half - 20  
Max mins per day - 70

## U11

- + 3 player scrum - strike, no push
- + Ruck and Maul - 2 support players per team
- + Kicking - no fly back

PLAYER PROGRESSION

NEW

Mixed Rugby

# Kent County RFU Minis play rugby, what's your superpower?

AS MEMBERS OF THE KENT RUGBY FAMILY

## WE NEVER

- Force our children to play rugby
- Stray from the touchline onto the pitch
- Verbally abuse match officials, players or other spectators
- Threaten, intimidate or use bad language
- Give offence by way of insult, humiliation or discrimination



AS MEMBERS OF THE KENT RUGBY FAMILY

## WE ALWAYS

- Support positively and applaud good play
- Respect officials and opposition players
- Remember that children are here to have fun
- Behave as a good role model on the touchline
- Congratulate the opposition