



LICHFIELD RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB LIMITED
Members of the Rugby Football Union and Staffordshire R.U. **Founded 1874**
Mini-Junior Section



Registered Office and Grounds: Cooke Fields, Tamworth Road, Lichfield, Staffordshire, WS14 9JE

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Dear *Parent or Guardian*,

On behalf of Lichfield RUFC I would like to welcome you and your child to the club for the forthcoming season and provide you with some information about our activities. The club provides opportunities for young people between the ages of 6 and 17 to receive coaching, match experience and access to a number of festivals/league competitions. All coaching is by qualified coaches who are trained (or undertaking training) and have been, or are in the process of being screened, for their suitability for working with young people.

We welcome parents to all training, matches and competitions and value your support. We are keen to try and involve parents in the club and would like to invite you to meet with Club officials any Sunday lunchtime following training/matches in the Clubhouse. You can help with training, become a coach, help with administration for the age group or become a First Aider. If you are already qualified at First Aid and you are prepared to help on a Sunday morning, please inform the coach. If you would like to be trained as a First Aider, please inform the coach or myself.

Training sessions take place on Sundays at 10.30 a.m. from September 6th to the end of April 2010 at Lichfield RUFC. The different age groups also go on various tours in April and May.

We request that parents/guardians stay throughout the training sessions and on match days. However, if this is not possible, arrangements should be made for your child to travel to and from training sessions and matches. We appreciate it if children can arrive promptly and are collected promptly at the end of the session.

Club training kit consists of myrtle green shirts, royal blue shorts and red socks. The Club's kit supplier is Samurai. Kit can be purchased from the club shop open on Sundays (in the lobby). Other recommended stockists for general equipment include Alpha Sports in Lichfield where you will get 10% discount on any purchases. There will be an opportunities for you to purchase "pre enjoyed, but in good condition" boots and kit on Sundays in September. If you have any kit that is still usable, please bring it along on the morning.

The club has a membership fee of £40.00 per adult plus £10.00 per every player and this should be paid as soon as possible and certainly no later than the end of September to the Coach/Manager along with the completed membership and Staffordshire registration form (if applicable). Please make your cheque for the club membership payable to '**Lichfield RUFC Ltd**'. There is also a subs fee of £35 per player which covers the cost of player's meals, equipment and training of coaches, 1st Aiders etc. The cheque for the subs fees should be made payable to '**Lichfield RUFC M-J Section**'. Please see policy section of MJ website for details on Membership fees.

You will be required to complete a club membership registration form. For the safety of your child it is important that the coach/club is informed of any medical condition or allergies that may be relevant should your child fall ill or be involved in an accident while at the club. Please note that rugby is a contact sport. Lichfield RUFC cannot take responsibility for injuries to your child (minor or serious). By allowing your child to play the game **YOU** take full responsibility and cannot hold



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the club or any official liable. We **strongly** recommend that you take out appropriate insurance for you child. The RFU website has details or ask a club official for further information.

If you object to your child's photograph being used for publicity purposes on websites or in the press please inform the coach in writing at the start of the season, please complete the photography & video consent forms.

The Mini-Junior Section will be holding a number of social events throughout the year and would welcome your support and involvement. The club will once again be hosting a Sportman's Dinner and the Spring Ball in June 2010.

Please note that we are a growing and thriving club. The coaches will endeavour to communicate their policies and procedures regarding selection to you as parents and to the players. We wish to develop all young people's skills and love of the game. However, only the number of players allowed by the laws of the game will be on the pitch at any one time in match situations. Who plays and when is the coach's responsibility. As parents, we would all like our child to play all of the time, but obviously this is not possible. Please be patient. Talk to the coaches about any concerns or issues that you have.

The County runs a league structure for U13 – U16 and the U7 – U12 compete in the Staffordshire Festivals. The club has a very successful record in these competitions and strives to achieve in these each year.

Finally, the Mini-Junior section operates fully on a voluntary basis. We have no paid officials. The section is financed through weekly subs, fund raising and sponsorship. If you can help by providing sponsorship for an age group or the Mini-Junior section as a whole, then please talk to your age group manager.

Parent & Player policies are available as downloads from the club website, please refer to them they are full of information detailing how we run the club and what we expect of members.

We thank you in anticipation for your co-operation. We wish your son/daughter an enjoyable, safe and successful season, and hope that parents/guardians also enjoy the season and support the club with all our events and activities.

If you would like to talk to someone at the club about this information or your child's involvement with the club, please contact the Chairman Mini-Junior Section. We thank you for your cooperation and look forward to meeting you at some point in the future. Log on to www.lichfieldrugby.co.uk for the latest information on fixtures, team news, events, policies and membership forms.

Yours sincerely

David Wedgwood
Chairman
Mini-Junior Section
Lichfield RUFC