

## **Important Information with regard to Fixtures**

**\*Children under the Age of 6 cannot legally play in any competitive matches and therefore will train at the club each week\***

We will shortly be playing our first club fixtures of the season. Please read the information below which will help the fixtures run smoothly. The club ethos is that all children who are eligible to play will participate where possible in matches depending upon attendance, age and ability.

There will be two types of fixtures:

### **Club fixtures**

These are a series of matches of two or three games played against one or two clubs. They will be run during normal training times either home or away.

### **Tournaments/Festivals**

These are a matches played versus a number of clubs which usually include a knock out stage and a final. These can run from 10 am to 4 pm. The host club will usually provide lunch. The Under 7's will only play 4 a side rugby and where only 1 team has been invited to play a squad of 8 to 10 will be selected to play and displayed on the notice board. This is to ensure that children are kept occupied during a long day.

### **Travel to away games**

You will need to organise your child's travel arrangements to and from the opposition ground. Meeting times will be notified on the club notice board. We would like you to be with your child during the matches to support them and their team mates however we understand that this will not always be possible. If you have to leave your child you must inform the relevant coach and all the membership paperwork must have been signed and returned.

### **Age Groups**

Under 6's (Reception and pre- school)

Legally these children cannot play any competitive rugby and will train at the club each week

Under 7's (Year 1 and 2)

All children who are 6 and over can play in fixtures for the under 7's. Where year 1 children are not yet 6 they will be expected to play with the under 6 group when the Under 7's have fixtures. They will train with the under 7's the rest of the time. This age group will play 4 a side tag rugby.

Under 8's (Year 3)

These children will play in fixtures. They will play 7 a side tag rugby.

Under 9's (Year 4)

These children will play in fixtures. They will play 9 a side "transitional" contact rugby.

Under 10's (Year 5)

Unfortunately we do not have enough children to form a team at this age group this year. These children will be able to play with the under 9's this season.

If you have any questions please speak to me or e mail me at [mat.pritchard@virginmedia.com](mailto:mat.pritchard@virginmedia.com)

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