

## **Terms and Conditions of Old Laurentian Rugby Youth Section**

### **1. Responsibilities of Parents, Coaches, Managers and Helpers**

Under guidance from the Rugby Football Union, Coaches, Managers and Helpers cannot take legal responsibility or act in parentis loco for players whose parent or guardian leaves them during a session.

### **2. Gumshields / Mouthguards / Protective Equipment and Studs**

Old Laurentian Minis and Juniors consider gumshields mandatory for all players playing in Under 9's and above. Players will not be allowed to take part in training sessions or matches if not wearing a gum protector/shield unless the parent or guardian specifically accepts the risk of so doing. All other safety equipment must carry the 'IRB' approved' label or it will breach the IRB standards and will not be permitted. Studs with jagged edges pose a serious danger to other players. Only studs conforming to BS6366 1983 or equivalent are allowed. Blade football boots are specifically not allowed. Studs should be examined regularly to ensure there are no missing studs or rough edges.

### **3. Severe Weather Clothing**

Parents or guardians are responsible for ensuring players come adequately equipped to cope with the weather conditions that can occur during the winter months. Parents or carers should provide additional clothing, gloves, hats and waterproof equipment.

### **4. Tetanus Injection**

The RFU recommend that, if not already done so, mini-rugby players should have a preventative course of tetanus injections.

### **5. Playing Age Groups**

A player's age group is determined by their age as of 31<sup>st</sup> August. The only exception is children who fall into the under 6 category. They will move to the under 7 squad on their 6<sup>th</sup> birthday.

### **6. Medical Consent**

Should a Parent or Guardian not be present when a child suffers an injury then you consent to your child being taken to Hospital and receiving medical treatment if this, in the opinion of a Coach or qualified First Aider, is considered the appropriate action.

### **7. Child Protection**

All coaches, helpers and administrators will be vetted as a condition of joining Old Laurentian Mini and Juniors Rugby. Failure to agree to this requirement will automatically lead to their application for membership being rejected. Any suspicious incident must be reported immediately to the Child Welfare Officer and/or Chairman.

### **8. Management and Coaches**

Old Laurentian Mini's and Juniors is run by a Management Team consisting of the Officers of the section as per the Youth Constitution. Decisions of the Management Team are final in the operation of the section. Parents, guardians or carers are encouraged to raise any issue with the Officers or the Management Team, which meets approximately 6 weekly. Lead Coaches are to be supported in their leadership of their age group. Any issues regarding a child (health, attendance, etc) should be brought to the Lead Coach's attention. Membership does not guarantee selection, which is the responsibility of the age group coaching team and is dependent upon a number of factors including perceived ability, behaviour, availability, safety and attendance. Lead Coaches have the final say in selection matters and organisation of the age group. Parents should accept the selection policy and must accept the decisions of Lead Coaches graciously. Any of the Officers may be consulted should a parent have any issue with a coach or the approach of a Lead Coach.

### **9. Behaviour**

Players and supporters of any Old Laurentian RFC team are expected to uphold the traditions of the game in terms of behaviour and generosity to all players and the officials. Specifically players and supporters must not question the decisions of match officials.

Swearing and abuse is specifically discouraged. Players, coaches and parents will be reprimanded for foul language and inappropriate behaviour, resulting ultimately in expulsion from the club, at the discretion of the Management Team.

#### **10. Fees**

Parents or guardians must promptly pay for registration fees and for kit, equipment. Failure to pay registration fees within 4 weeks of a request will lead to the suspension of the family membership to Old Laurentian RFC. In cases of difficulty in paying the fees, please consult the Treasurer or Chairman.

#### **11. Club Premises**

Parents and guardians are responsible for their children at all times. No one will be allowed into the bar areas in dirty clothing. Changing facilities and showers are available and must be used if a child is to enter the main club area.

Parents and guardians are responsible for their child's safety on club premises and should acquaint themselves and their child with the out of bounds areas, and hazards, eg carpark drops etc.

#### **12. Associate Membership**

As all members of the Old Laurentian Mini and Juniors are children we have created a membership category for parents. This enables us to have relevant and legal membership requirements for AGM's and EGM's and allows parents to vote at these meetings. There is no charge for membership.

#### **13. Club Support and Communication**

The Youth section is a volunteer organisation. All parents and guardians are expected to support the club by actively participating in the functioning of the club. Parents must notify the Registration Secretary of any changes to their email, phone number and home address.

#### **14. Photography**

Several authorised sports photographers operate within the club. By signing this form parents are giving permission for the images captured by these photographers to be published on the club or their websites. If you do not wish to give this consent, tick this box.

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