



We've had a great start to the 2019/20 season despite the rain with lots of successful tournaments, lots of training for new coaches and volunteers and we're now in the run-up to the Minis Tournament.

EVENTS

SPRING CUP

The Minis home tournament - takes place on 15th March.

We will have teams from the Under 7s to Under 11s playing clubs from Alresford, Trojans, Romsey, Tadley and others.

We'll be on the lookout for lots of volunteers to help with

- Parking
- Registering Teams
- Kitchen
- Cake & Sweet sales

Parking is very busy at the Spring Cup so please share lifts to the club on the day if possible.



SPARKLING RUGBY

We are also looking forward to hosting the Primary Schools Touch Rugby tournament on 23rd and 24th April.

We would welcome volunteers to help with

- Parking
- Refereeing
- Making / selling cakes

Under 6s:

The U6s are bedding into the club nicely, with three new coaches and lots of enthusiastic children and parents. The children recently took part in writing their own code of conduct, this involved lots of felt tip pens, drawings and fun with lots of children expressing how much they like coming up to the club!

Under 7s:

Under 7s have been focused on improving our passing game this term, to build better teamwork and help encourage the kids to think of the team's success not on who scores the try.

Under 8s:

After the flurry of successful tournaments in the autumn, we have been back to home training and focussed on developing team work and defensive play. The squad are itching to start contact, but have to negotiate a few more tag tournaments before progressing to the next stage in September. Cancellations due to the weather aside, we continue to enjoy an excellent turnout.

Under 9s:

U9s are continuing to grow in skill and number. We are now 22 strong with 3 excellent coaches and 2 manager/coaches, making sure we have fun practices each week. We did well in the tournaments either drawing or winning the majority of our games. With this season all about contact, it was great to see that all players have accomplished this skill with some players now confident to tackle at speed.

Under 10s:

The Under 10s have undertaken a back to basics approach in training this year covering all the skills required in the contact game with great success. We have had the loss of two of our Coaches but gained the experience of a New Coach who has been through the Minis before so has been an excellent addition to our team. We have also been lucky to have some new very capable players joining the team bringing even greater strength and depth and are really looking forward to the upcoming tournaments.

Under 11s:

The awesome U11s have had a great season so far - both in terms of wins and growing the squad. Four new boys have joined since the beginning of the season and with 3 tournaments left this season, we are hoping for some big wins. We have four experienced and committed coaches who lead the boys through training on Sunday and help them prepare for the matches ahead.

Under 12s:

U12s are having a great season to date. The squad has increased in size, now numbering 23 with almost half the boys also now playing rugby at Testbourne. Many of the others also play school rugby and this, together with an excellent tournament run in November, puts us in a strong position going into the March tournaments and beyond. We have been lucky to strengthen the team with the recruitment of Matt Summerfield a new coach from the parent pool. The boys will benefit from a fresh look at our backline play, to add to our traditional strengths in the tackle and breakdown.

KIT

This year we've teamed up with Masuri, branded Overton Rugby kit can be purchased from their online shop:

<https://teamwear.nxt-sports.com/shop/overton-rugby-club>

Basic equipment and mouthguards are available from the Clubhouse shop as well as second hand kit and boot exchange.

We're looking for someone to run the shop and open it at the beginning of training on Sundays.

SPONSORSHIP

If your company can offer sponsorship please let us know. It really helps us keep the most up to date training kit.

A full new set of Minis match kit costs around £1000 and will be seen at all the best Rugby Clubs in Hampshire.

SUSTAINABILITY

The club is reducing its use of single use plastic with a new stock of re-usable mugs available from the kitchen.

CODE OF RUGBY

We've been chatting to some of the kids age groups to find out why they really come to rugby:

"To be part of a team"

"Playing with my friends"

"The bacon rolls"

"I get to catch the ball"

"It's fun!"



**TEAMWORK
RESPECT
ENJOYMENT
DISCIPLINE
SPORTSMANSHIP**

VOLUNTEER

The club is run by volunteers so if you've got any skills please share them.

- Team coaches and managers
- Committee
- First Aiders
- Safeguarding

We are currently on the lookout for:

- **Someone to run the clubhouse shop**
- **Referees (full training provided)**
- **A co-ordinator for the Minis section** (have a chat with Craig or your age group manager to find out what's involved)
- **And we always need tea makers and bacon roll chefs on a Sunday morning**



If you haven't already have a look at the Headcase training for more information on Concussion.

There are different modules for Coaches, Players and Parents.

<https://www.englandrugby.com/participation/playing/headcase>

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