

JUNIOR SIAM RUGBY FESTIVAL 2024

1. OUTLINE

The Junior Siam Rugby Festival will be run between Guernsey and Jersey Rugby Academies on Sat 20 Apr 2024 between 1100 and 1645 on pitches surrounding Footes Lane, St Peters Port, Guernsey. The Junior Siam Rugby Festival will be competed for at all age groups from U7 to U18 (Boys and Girls).

The following Rules, Regulations and Format will allow for the maximum amount of rugby to be played, allow every player to be part of and enjoy a Festival of Rugby that is seldom seen outside of the Channel Island.

2. LOCATIONS

The games will be played over 3 sites surrounding Footes Lane (See Map at Enclosure 1)

Upon arrival at the Bus Stop, Footes Lane Teams will be met by Age Group Representatives and taken to their match site.

We are trying to play 37 games in under 6hrs on 3 sites, so can I request Team Managers to make sure teams are in the right place at the right time. The Programme of the Games is at (Enclosure 2) in order of play.

Site 1 (Garenne Stand) Main GRFC Pitch

(Spectators are requested to stay off the pitch and uncovered track areas)

Teams: Colts
 U15
 U16

Site 2 GRFC 2nd Team Pitch

Teams: U14/U16 Girls
 U13 Cup
 U14 Cup
 U13 Development - **Does not count towards the Cup.**
 U14 Development - **Does not count towards the Cup.**

Site 3 Memorial Fields

Pitch 1(R)

Teams: U10 Cup
 U10 Development - **Does not count towards the Cup.**

Pitch 1 (L)

Teams: U11 Cup
 U12 Cup
 U11 Development - **Does not count towards the Cup.**

U12 Development - **Does not count towards the Cup.**

Pitch 2

Teams: U9's x 9 Cup Games

Pitch 3

Teams: U8's x 4 Cup Games (Joint training sessions afterwards)

Pitch 4

Teams: U7's 9 x Cup Games

3. AGE GROUP REGULATIONS

The Overarching [RFU Regulation 15](#) with Supporting Appendices:

- a. [Appendix 1 U7's Tag Rugby - Rules of Play](#)
- b. [Appendix 2 U8's Tag Rugby - Rules of Play](#)
- c. [Appendix 3 U9's Transitional Contact - Rules of Play](#)
- d. [Appendix 4 U10's - Rules of Play](#)
- e. [Appendix 5 U11's - Rules of Play](#)
- f. [Appendix 6 U12's - Rules of Play](#)
- g. [Appendix 7 U13's - Rules of Play](#)
- h. [Appendix 8 U14's - Rules of Play](#)
- i. [Appendix 9 U15 - U18 - Rules of Play](#)

For those age grades that have the optional rules, these are to be agreed between the Coaches and remain in place for the whole of that Age Grade Festival.

All coaches are also to appraise themselves of:

- a. [Age Grade Rugby Code of Practice](#)
- b. [RFU Half Game Rule](#)
- c. Wearing of Sports Goggles [RFU Reg 15](#) (15.10.2)

Age Grade Festival Regulations

- U7** See Enclosure 4
- U8** See Enclosure 5
- U9** See Enclosure 6
- U10** See Enclosure 7
- U11** See Enclosure 8
- U12** See Enclosure 9
- U13** See Enclosure 10

U14 See Enclosure 11

U15/16/Colts See Enclosure 12

In single game Age Groups, the Age Group winner will be the team with the greater score at Full Time.

In the event of a draw the Age Group Siam Trophy will be shared (**No Extra Time**)

Girls U14 and U16

Games will be arranged on the day, to allow for the maximum amount of rugby to be played based on the X7's Rules.

4. PLAYERS

Each player must be a member of the club and registered on GMS. All players must be of the appropriate age for the team which they represent. (All ages are to be assessed as at midnight 31st August 2023). ***Any out of age players must be agreed between Safeguarding Officers.***

All team managers are required to present a completed registration form (Enclosure 13) to the Pitch Official before the start of the Round Robin for U7- U8 - U9 and before each game for U10 – Colts.

5. AGE GROUP COACHES AND TEAM MANAGERS

All Team Lists (Enclosure 13) are to be submitted to the Event Organiser (Steven Melbourne stevemelbourne@rfu.com) no later than Wed 10 April 2024.

Age Groups playing more than 1 game ***that are to count towards an Age Group Trophy*** (U7/U8/U9). Players are **ONLY** permitted to represent/play for 1 team, this included replacements.

If you unable to field independent squads for all games, then these games will become Development Games and **will not** count towards the Age Group Trophy.

Each squad member must be individually named on the registration form (Enclosure 13).

There may be a requirement to provide proof of age group eligibility in respect of a player or players.

Any team found to have fielded an ineligible player shall be disqualified from the age grade festival and any games already played will be forfeited, this includes single game fixtures.

6. OFFICIALS

- a. U7 – U12 (Girls U14/U16) (Guernsey and Jersey Coaches)
- b. U13 and U14 (Guernsey Referee's Association)
- c. U15/U16/Colts (Hampshire Referee Society)

There may be a requirement for members of each coaching or support team to act as linesmen (Enclosure 2).

7. CHANGING ROOMS (Garenne Stand, Grammar School and Memorial Fields)

Changing rooms are at a premium. Therefore, when teams have changed post game, they are to remove all kit bags and clothing from the changing rooms and place them in the areas provided (This will allow other teams to get changed). Team Managers or Coaches are recommended to organise a valuables bag as the Guernsey Rugby Academy (GRA) cannot be held responsible for any loss of personal belongings.

When a team has completed their fixture/s they can return to the changing rooms to change and shower ASAP to allow the following teams to get changed.

8. MEDICAL

During the day there will be St John Ambulance on station (See Map at Enclosure 1) to deal with injuries that cannot be dealt with on the pitch side.

However, each Age Group must have 1 x Full Trained First Aider and must provide their own first aid kit, water spray bottles and sterile wipes for the treatment of blood injuries on their team members. Current IRB and RFU guidelines for the treatment of blood injuries must be adhered to.

Reminder that the Referee has the right to ask for a player to be removed from the field of play, if the referee is concerned about the players well-being.

9. SAFEGUARDING

The GRA wish to ensure that the provisions of the RFU Safeguarding Policy are applied throughout the festival and ask that all participants support their efforts in this respect. It is appropriate to clarify certain aspects of the policy regarding photography as follows:

It will be assumed that, in line with RFU Safeguarding Policy, the parents/guardians of all young person's participating in the festival have given their consent for photographs to be taken.

If this premise is not the case, the coach or manager of the team must inform the organisers.

The GRA has appointed photographers to photograph the event and has ensured valid DBS certificates are available for inspection upon request.

Anyone taking photographs or otherwise recording images of young people at any rugby event must have a valid reason for doing so.

It will be assumed that all players, parents, guardians and close relations of players, together with coaches and managers, have such a valid reason.

10. FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS

There will be several food and beverage vendors sited at the Garenne Stand and the GRFC 2nd XV Pitch and Memorial Fields. However, it is advised that all Players bring a packed lunch with them.

11. TROPHY PRESENTATIONS

The Game Programme (Enclosure 2) outlines the proposed locations and times of Age Grade Presentations.

12. COMPLAINTS PROCESS

If a coach or player has a complaint, then they are to present this via their age group team manager to the Chairman of their respective Academy who alongside the festival organiser and officials (if concerning illegal play) will consider the complaint.

13. CORE VALUES AWARD

Instead of a Man of the Match Award, each age group will be awarded a Core Values Award to the player who has shown the RFU Core Values:

(TEAMWORK – RESPECT - ENJOYMENT – DISCIPLINE - SPORTSMANSHIP)

14. ALL INDIVIDUALS MUST ADHERE TO THE FESTIVAL RULES APPLYING TO THIS EVENT.

The following provisions relate to the standard of conduct required of all teams, players, officials, supporters and other members of the public:

During the playing of all matches, no person other than those directly involved as players or officials shall pass beyond such permanent or temporary barriers as may be erected around the pitches and in no case be within 3 metres of the field of play. Garenne Stand - Main GRFC Pitch (Spectators are requested to stay off the Pitch and Uncovered Track areas).

Participants and officials of participating clubs and all those utilising facilities at the sites are to be responsible for all personal property and valuables at all times.

All persons entering the playing sites will be responsible for the disposal of all refuse and waste in the containers provided.

Each club is responsible for the behavior of their team, players, officials and supporters. All individuals are expected to always conduct themselves in a professional and appropriate manner. Failure to do so may result in a team or individual being disqualified from the festival.

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Enclosures:

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11. U14 Festival Rules
12. U15/U16/Colts Festival Rules
13. Player Registration Form