



# **EALING TRAILFINDERS RUGBY CLUB**

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## **MINIS FESTIVAL INFORMATION PACK**

**SATURDAY 26TH & SUNDAY 27TH OCTOBER 2019**

**Registration from 8.30am**

**RWC Semi-Finals 9.00am**

**Kick-Off 11.00am**

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## Welcome to Ealing Trailfinders!

Ealing Trailfinders Rugby Club are delighted to welcome you to our Autumn 2019 Kids First Minis Festival.

The event this year is to take place on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th October and our primary aim is for all present, players, parents and spectators, to have a day enjoying the wonderful game of rugby and all it gives us.

We would like to invite all players, coaches and spectators to arrive by 9am to join us to watch the RWC Semi-Finals in our club house. We felt with how amazing the world cup has been so far, it would be a fantastic opportunity for the children to watch prior to their foray onto the pitches.

Therefore, matches will kick-off at 11am and aim to be finished by 1.30pm at the latest.

Our festival will reflect the values of Age Grade and Kids First Rugby alongside all Middlesex festival requirements. All sides entered must be of EQUAL, MIXED ABILITIES IN ALL AGE GROUPS, and no results will be published.

We very much look forward to welcoming you to the home of Ealing Trailfinders and for all to enjoy and what promises to be a fantastic weekend of rugby.

Manny Kaur & Peter Blackman  
Co-Minis Chairpersons  
Ealing Trailfinders Rugby Club

## **GENERAL INFORMATION TIMINGS (subject to change)**

- 08:30 Registration
- 09:00 RWC Semi-Finals
- 09:45 Referee & coach briefings (half-time in RWC Semi-Finals)
- 11:00 – 13:30 Matches

## **REGISTRATION:**

Registration will be open from 08:15 in the Foyer at the west end of the Centenary Clubhouse (ref: map in following pages).

All registrations are requested to be submitted no later than 09:00. Please find a copy of the registration form at the back of this Information Pack.

## **CAR PARKING:**

There are 3 Car Park areas at the Trailfinders Sports ground Vallis Way with a fair amount of space. Parking will be available from 08:15 on a first come-first serves basis at a charge of £5 / vehicle. Please follow the directions of the parking marshals.

Parking is otherwise possible in the surrounding residential roads although we would strongly request careful and courteous parking of all vehicles, assisting us in maintaining the goodwill of residents.

If your match day party includes people with a disability or limited mobility, then please contact us before the day to ensure suitable arrangements can be made for drop-off and, potentially, parking minischairman@ealingrugby.co.uk.

## **CLUB WEBSITE:**

This Information pack can be found on the club website on the Festival page of the Mini's section <https://ealingrugby.co.uk>. In case of inclement weather, please check the website via the link above for a status of play.

## **SAFETY:**

All children are the responsibility of parents, guardians, and team coaches. Lost and found items (including children) will be taken to the Festival Control Point in the Clubhouse Entrance.

No studs are to be worn in the clubhouse for the children's own safety. There are no fire drills planned so any alarm is to be treated as a real incident, when announcements will be made.

### **3G PITCHES (Eating, Smoking & Shelters):**

Please do not attempt to erect team shelters or tents on the 3G pitches. U11 and U12 age groups may use the Centenary Club house and area between 3G pitches but cannot erect team shelters.

Eating and smoking is also not allowed on, or anywhere near the artificial 3G pitch for equally obvious reasons.

UK laws also prohibit smoking in any buildings, including the stands.

### **FIRST AID:**

Criticare (<http://www.criticareuk.net/>) will be in attendance for the duration of the festival with 3 paramedics, a shelter and an ambulance on site. First Aiders from Ealing along with those from each visiting club will also be on duty and will arrange for additional medical assistance if necessary. Only fully qualified First Aiders and/or the festival paramedics can give permission for injured players to continue playing.

### **TEAM SHELTERS:**

Anyone bringing team shelters is requested to ensure they are set up in or as close as possible to the allocated areas of the ground (not on/near the 3G pitches). This means away from the pitches and in positions where they do not obstruct any walkways or access roads. We would urge you to share tents between age groups where possible.

### **FOOD & DRINK:**

Hot food including bacon and sausage baguettes, chips, teas and coffees will be available from within and around the clubhouse during the event. The bar will also be open in the Clubhouse.

### **LITTER:**

Black bin liners will be handed out to all teams at registration. Please keep your team areas including shelters clean and free of rubbish. The same applies to shared practice areas and, of course, to match pitches. Please make sure you leave the area as you found it before you leave - thank you in advance...;-)

### **PHOTOGRAPHS:**

DE-Photo will once again be present as the Professional Sports and Event Photographers for this festival. This event, by its very nature, is in the public arena and when entering for the event the participant and their parents acknowledges this fact which may result in the recording and publication of his/her image. All DE Photo photographers and staff have been through DBS check and the company operates a strict Child Protection Policy and Code of Ethics, which can be viewed on their website at [www.dephoto.biz](http://www.dephoto.biz).

Anyone else attending the Festival that wishes to take photographs or video for their own or club use, please refer to page 10 of the RFU Safe Guarding policies in the following document on the RFU website: RFU - Safeguarding Toolkit.pdf.

**TOILETS:**

Male and female toilets are available in both clubhouses and outside behind the 'Damian Budega' stand. DOGS: Dogs are not permitted in the ground, other than pre-authorised guide dogs if appropriate.

## THE RUGBY

### **RULES:**

The festival will be conducted under New Rules of Play for all ages and in accordance with age grade rugby framework– see the RFU website:

- <http://www.englandrugby.com/my-rugby/players/age-grade-rugby/>
- <http://www.englandrugby.com/governance/regulations/>

### **ORDER OF PLAY:**

A preliminary copy will be sent by email the week prior to the festival & final order of play will be available on Festival Day.

### **MATCH TIMINGS:**

All teams must register with 'Festival Control' located in the entrance to the Clubhouse by 09:00 am. All teams must be at the correct pitch as per the final Order of Play available on Festival day, at least 5 minutes before kick-off. A briefing for pitch marshals will take place at 09:00 am at each age groups control tent.

### **Readiness:**

All teams and referees are requested to be ready at least 5 minutes before each match so that allotted start times are maintained. THANK YOU

AGE	U7s	U8s	U9s	U10s	U11s	U12s
Squad Size (max)	6	9	11	12	14	18
Team Size	4	6	7	8	9	12
Pitch Size (as close as possible)	20m x 12m	45m x 22m	60m x 30m	60m x 35m	60m x 43m	60m x 43m
Match Time	5min e/w	5min e/w	6min e/w	6min e/w	6min e/w	6min e/w
Half-time	2min	2min	2min	2min	2min	2min

### **MEDALS & TROPHIES:**

In accordance with Age Grade Rugby there will be no trophies.

All players participating in the U7 and U8 tournaments will receive a medal.

### **REFEREES:**

Referees are all volunteers and all clubs are requested to ensure they allocate a qualified referee for each team registered. The availability of referees is critical to ensure the order of play of play keeps to time. All matches will be refereed by one of the referees (or coaches) of either team playing.

Prior to kick-off it will be agreed between the two sides who referees each half, except at U12s where neutral referees will referee each game.

A Referee/Coaches briefing will be held at 9.45am at outside the main entrance to the club house at half-time during the RWC Semi-Finals.