

Incorporating CRICC Harlequins

Youth & Junior Section Handbook



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General Information

Kit

The Club provides and launders the shirts for matches. Players are responsible for providing their own navy blue shorts and dark blue socks. The Club has negotiated a specially discounted price for these items from YC Sports in Crwys Road.

All Team Managers must ensure that Ashley Williams is made aware of their fixture each week, and that they collect their team's shirts from the referee's changing room prior to Saturday. Each Manager will be provided with a key so that they can then lock the shirts back in the referee's room so that Ashley can launder them.

Fixtures

Please co-ordinate all fixtures with Eirian who will ensure that Ashley is made aware of them so that the pitches can be prepared.

Youth – League and Cup fixtures are organised by the CVYRU and friendlies are organised by Martin Umbleja. J

Junior - Matrix matches are organised by the Cardiff & District Junior Union and co-ordinated by Eirian who will also arrange friendly matches.

The schedule of School and Club weeks is issued by the WRU and applies across all age groups.

Referees

Youth – Martin Umbleja organises referees through the District Society.

Junior - Brian Patterson co-ordinates the provision of referees as well as refereeing some games himself.

Team Managers must please give him as much notice as possible when there is a home fixture

Cancellations

If a fixture is cancelled please ensure that Ashley, Andrew Seary and the Club Steward are notified as soon as possible. Brian Patterson will co-ordinate pitch inspections and decide on cancellations in the event of bad weather. Even if a match is cancelled some kind of team practice session will definitely take place.

Physiotherapy

The Club pays for a Chartered Physiotherapist to attend all matches so would Team Managers please liaise directly with Andrew Seary to ensure cover prior to the week end's fixtures.

Results

The Team Managers must enter their team's results on the results board situated in the main Bar area.

Website

Team Managers should also copy their results to Rob Blunt the Club Webmaster for entry onto the website. Please make use of the website to post team photos, news items, match reports – all contributions most welcome.

Email Rob Blunt on; cardiffharlequins@hotmail.com Web site; www.chsobrfc.co.uk

Food

The Club provides an after match meal for both visitors and home teams after official matches. Please ensure that Claire the Club Steward is given adequate notice of fixtures and likely food requirements plus any changes or cancellations.

Food is available on a Tuesday and Thursday nights after training at a cost of £1 per person.

Equipment

Each Coach is responsible for his team's training equipment (balls, cones etc) and match day water bottles. Coaches must ensure that floodlights are turned off if not in use and that tackle bags etc are locked away in the storage container.

Code of Conduct

The Club adheres to the WRU Code of Conduct which covers Players, Parents, Spectators and Coaches. Extracts of the Code are displayed around the Club and a full copy is kept behind the bar. Everyone is encouraged to abide not only by the letter but also the spirit of the Code which will be actively enforced by all Club Officers.

Expenditure

Before agreeing to commit the Club to any expenditure it must first be authorised by the Club Treasurer.

Committee Meetings

The Youth and Junior Sub Committee meets once a month to review team performances and discuss matters pertaining to the successful operation of the Teams. The Sub Committee comprises each Team Manager and Team Coaches plus the CRICC and Fixture Co-ordinators.

Tours

The Club wishes to encourage all teams to go on tours however any proposal must be cleared by the Club before binding commitments are entered into. All tours outside Wales must also be authorised by the WRU.

Dress

The Club wishes enforce a dress code for all players after matches to try and promote team identity. Individual Team Managers can choose between Club polo shirts for the youngest side or blue Club dress shirts plus dark trousers and shoes (as opposed to jeans and trainers).

After Match

All Players, Supporters and Parents are asked to remain in the Club (home or away) for at least 45 minutes after the match ends. This will help generate the kind of atmosphere and camaraderie that differentiates rugby from other games. For away matches we would also expect all Players, Supporters and Spectators to show the same courtesy to our hosts as we would expect from them.

Club Functions

Each of the 4 Youth/Junior sides will form a Social Committee which will be asked to arrange 2 social functions for the Parents in the course of the season. All Parents and Supporters are expected to support these functions and help to make them a success. This in turn will help generate Club spirit (and funds) that will make our involvement even more enjoyable.

Club Membership

All Parents and Supporters of the Youth and Junior teams are urged to become Social Members of the Club. This will help us to comply with the Licensing Laws and will also ensure a greater sense of involvement and interest. Fully paid up Members are entitled to put their names forward for the International Match Ticket Allocation and they can also book the Clubhouse for any private social function without a booking fee. Members are also entitled to vote at the Club AGM and can therefore influence Club policy on a whole range of issues.

We want you to become part of the Club and enjoy its facilities as well as supporting your particular teams.