

CARRICKFERGUS RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

FOUNDED 1865

AFFILIATED TO THE IRISH RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION – ULSTER BRANCH

Grounds:

Tom Simms Memorial Park
Woodburn Road
Carrickfergus
Co Antrim
BT38 8HQ
Phone: 028 9335 1033



Youth Rugby Section

c/o Mr Richard Higgins
9 Rose Place
Reids Road
Ballystrudder
Islandmagee
Co. Antrim
BT40 3UE

YOUTH SECTION PLAYER REGISTRATION FORM – 2018/2019

Player Name: _____

Full Address: _____

D.O.B. _____ **Age:** _____

School Attended: _____

Playing Positions: 1. _____ 2. _____

Preferred Text Contact: Mobile: _____

Emergency Parental Contact: Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Illness / Allergies: _____

Parental / Guardian Consent:

I give permission for my child to train and play rugby for C.R.F.C. Youth Section. I fully understand the nature of the game and recognise all risks involved.

I give permission for my child to receive first aid if required during a game or practice. I also agree for photographs of my child to be used in local papers, club website or club's social media pages.

I agree to pay the membership fees of £65. (£60 for second or subsequent child). All players must have subscriptions fully paid to be eligible to play in Youth League fixtures.

I have read and understand the 'code of conduct for all spectators' on the club website.

Do you wish to receive our weekly newsletter via email: **YES** **NO**

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Youth Section Membership Renewal/Application Form – 2018/2019

Name: _____

Full address: _____

(Inc post code) _____

Email: _____

Category of Membership

Tick Appropriate Box

Under 18 - £65

Under 16 - £65

Under 14- £65

(Note: Reduced membership fee of £60 for second or subsequent child registrations)

Please bring the completed form plus the appropriate subscription back to Your Team Manager before Wednesday 29th August 2018. All players must have subscriptions fully paid to be eligible to play in Youth League fixtures.

Please note any new player to the club must also bring a copy of their birth certificate to be used for registration with the Irish Rugby Football Union.

"It is the responsibility of the player to notify their coach/team manager of any changes to their contact information"

Main Contact Telephone Number: _____

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Code of Conduct for all Spectators

Remember that although young people play organised rugby they are not "miniature internationals".

Be on your best behaviour and lead by example. Do not use profane language or harass referees, players or coaches.

Applaud good play by the visiting team as well as your own.

Show respect for your team's opponents. Without them there would not be a match.

Condemn the use of violence in all forms at every opportunity.

Verbal abuse of players or referees cannot be accepted in any shape or form.

Players or referees are not fair targets for ignorant behaviour.

Encourage young players to play by the Laws of the Game.

Spectators can contribute to the enjoyment of the event and all involved.

Be proud of your club and the Game of Rugby.

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To all youth players and parents/guardians

August 2018

Re: Club rugby and Grammar School pupils

As many of you will know, several years ago the Ulster Branch upheld a protest that Carrickfergus had fielded a number of players who were ineligible on the basis that they also ‘played regular rugby’ for their Grammar Schools. Our Club was aggrieved by this decision given that we had obtained a school’s release form in respect of each of the players but regrettably our appeal was unsuccessful. The Ulster Branch did acknowledge that there was some ambiguity within the Regulations and agreed that they would seek to amend these as a matter of urgency.

The Ulster Branch has now published revised guidance in which they state that –

“Clubs should only approach a school, participating in the Schools of Ireland Scheme, for the release of a player under Regulation 11(c) where such player is not receiving regular rugby at school. The provisions are intended to facilitate players who would otherwise largely be deprived of rugby at school, not to enable those playing regularly for their school to move between school and club when the school does not have a game.”

Regulation 11(c) still provides for Grammar Schools to sign a release form but, in addition to the signature of the school Principal, the form also requires the Master in charge of rugby to provide additional detail about the provision of competitive rugby within the school and the extent to which the individual participates.

Finally, the Youth Competitions Committee will consider all forms submitted and will have the ultimate decision on whether or not to approve the player for club rugby.

While we acknowledge that there are two distinct pathways for youth rugby in Ulster (grammar schools and clubs) we regret that this will inevitably mean that some of the players who we have nurtured and developed through mini and maxi rugby will not be able to play for us at youth level while they are playing regularly for their grammar schools. Naturally we hope that they will return to Carrick at a future date and play for our senior teams.

Notwithstanding the prohibition, a number of parents have asked about the possibility of their children continuing to train at the club with their friends and team-mates and to take part in friendly fixtures. Again, we would be happy to facilitate this wherever possible and it has been agreed that a reduced subscription of £35 would be available to players who fall into this category. Further details can be obtained from either myself or the youth coaches.



Barry McMurtry

HONORARY SECRETARY