

**BROADLAND-GREAT YARMOUTH  
RUGBY CLUB  
YOUTH/MINI SECTION**



**Parents  
Welcome Pack**

**2011 - 2012**

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**Rugby in**  
Broadland Great Yarmouth RFC  
**Great Yarmouth**

# WELCOME TO OUR CLUB

## GENERAL INFORMATION



# Rugby in Broadland Great-Yarmouth RFC Great Yarmouth

**Welcome to a new season of mini and youth rugby at Broadland-Great Yarmouth Rugby Football Club (BGYRFC), where we are rightly proud of the achievements and the excellent attitude of our young players.**

The club aims to ensure that players, coaches, parents, spectators and volunteers uphold the Core Values of rugby union, **Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline and Sportsmanship**. These values will stand our young people in good stead both on and off the rugby pitch and are reflected in the RFU's **Code of Rugby**. BGYRFC supports its aims that we:

- Play to win - but not at all cost
- Win with dignity, lose with grace
- Observe the Laws and regulations of the game
- Respect opponents, referees and participants
- Reject cheating, racism, violence and drugs
- Value volunteers and paid officials alike
- Enjoy the game

Last season BGYRFC managed to both win with dignity and lose with grace and we are proud that our young teams are as renowned for their fair play as for their successes.

BGYRFC is a local club at the heart of our community, with links with local schools. We are delighted by the number of players who progress up the age levels and into our senior teams. Keeping players involved throughout their schooldays and beyond means that they benefit from being part of the rugby family and from the friendships and health benefits that our sport offers.

The credit for our success as a club is due to the commitment of our young players, the endeavours of the club's qualified and enthusiastic coaches, our many marvellous volunteers, our players' parents and supporters and our sponsors. We

would like to thank you all and look forward to your continued support.

With a full fixture programme and a full programme of social events coming up, we would be delighted to see our new players and their parents and families fully involved. We are always glad to accept help so please talk about volunteer roles with our coaches, managers or anyone on the Mini & Youth Committee.

Registration day is always tremendously busy, so I would ask for your patience and understanding as there are many tasks to perform to ensure that the club lives up to its high standards so that your children are properly registered and cared for in the coming season. I would also ask for subs to be paid within four weeks of registration so that we can handle the finances to everyone's benefit. However, if any parent or guardian has a particular financial need this can be discussed in confidence with Russ Clarke or Simon Ruddick.

Hopefully, this pack contains all the information you need but don't be afraid to ask me questions or log on to the club website at:- [www.BGYRFC.com](http://www.BGYRFC.com)

A very warm welcome to the 2011/12 season at BGYRFC and we hope that you all enjoy the rugby.

Yours sincerely,

BGYRFC Mini & Youth Chairman



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### OUR SPORT

BGYRFC Mini and Youth section provides rugby for children of all ages and abilities. Our Mini Section caters for children of six years old (under 7s) up to 11 years old (under 12s). The Youth Section provides for children from 12 years old (under 13s) up to 17, at which age they can join the senior section. All age groups adhere to the RFU Age Grade Regulations ([rfu.com/Regulations](http://rfu.com/Regulations)) Regulation 15, a playing and coaching pathway by which clubs and schools introduce rugby in three incremental stages (Mini-Midi Rugby) so that by Under 13 players have the skills and knowledge to participate in the full 15-a-side game. Each stage has its own rules distinguishing it from the adult game. This progression accommodates the changing developmental abilities of children as they mature, with the emphasis on the improvement of individual skills through purposeful and enjoyable activity. Provision is made for testing these skills in match situations during a limited number of competitive fixtures and festivals/tournaments each season.

The enjoyment and safeguarding of children is of paramount importance at BGYRFC and we are committed to providing opportunities for all children to play rugby in a friendly, fun and safe environment. For a beginner's guide to rugby's rules and regulations visit [rfu.com/beginners](http://rfu.com/beginners).

### TRAINING, SELECTION & AVAILABILITY

Training for the Mini Section is on Sunday morning from 10am-12noon matches usually kicking off at 11 am. Any alterations will be notified by the team coach or manager. At BGYRFC we want to ensure that all children have opportunities to play, selection for individual matches being the responsibility of team coaches and managers.

All training and home games are held at the club house at **Cobholm Playing Fields, Cobholm, Mill Lane, Great Yarmouth, NR31 0AY**

**Parents and Guardians** remain responsible for their children at training/matches and are encouraged to stay, especially if their children are in the Mini Section.

**Punctuality** Children should be in rugby kit ready to start sessions on time, especially on match days. Please let the coach know if your child is unavailable to train or play as they will not want to let team mates down.

**Get to know** your team's coach and manager who will be glad to chat and receive constructive feedback or particular information regarding your child.

**Insurance** All children playing rugby for an RFU club are covered by the RFU's personal accident policy, details of which can be found at [rfu.com/insurance](http://rfu.com/insurance). Medical expenses are not covered by the RFU and therefore you may like to consider adding your child to any private medical insurance that you may have.

### COACHING

Young players are coached under the RFU Age Grade Regulations and boys and girls train and play together up to and including the Under 12 age group. Beyond this, boys and girls play separately, for safety reasons.

All lead coaches at BGYRFC are qualified to UK Coaching standards. We aim to have for each age group at least one Level 1 qualified coach, which means they are trained and accredited.

If you are interested in becoming a rugby coach, please contact the **Club Coaching Coordinator**

### REFEREEING

The club has qualified referees to officiate at matches. However, to cover all matches every weekend, we are always actively recruiting referees. You do not need to have any previous rugby experience as training is provided. Please contact the **Club Coach Coordinator** for more information.

### FIRST AID

In the event of a player being injured, in the absence of the parents the team officials are responsible for deciding whether further medical assistance is required. Parents and/or guardians will be contacted as quickly as possible. The club has invested in First Aid training and there is on site someone qualified in Emergency First Aid during training or matches at the club.

### SPONSORSHIP & FUND RAISING

Each year we endeavour to raise funds for the club through events and sponsorships. If you might be able to help or suggest possible sponsors please contact the Club Sponsorship Officer Russ Clarke at [Sponsorship@BroadlandRFC.com](mailto:Sponsorship@BroadlandRFC.com)



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### NECESSARY KIT

As with most sports, players need kit, at the club this will be: rugby boots, socks, shorts and shirt, mouth guard, and water bottle.

The club colours are Red, White and Blue Team shirts should be worn on match days and are supplied by the club.

Boots, with safety studs, should be certified to IRB regulations. In warm, dry weather trainers or moulded boots may be acceptable.

- ☑ Mouth guards are essential for contact exercises and games. You can obtain custom made mouth guards from a dentist or use proprietary mouth guards available from most sports shops.
- ☑ Any other protective equipment is worn at the discretion of the parent / player but must conform to IRB standards (a reputable sports shop can advise).
- ☑ Wearing layers means players can discard items as they warm up. Waterproof tops must not have zips.
- ☑ Players will need a set of clean clothes to change into after training or matches.
- ☑ Players' drinks should be provided, especially on hot days, when sun screen may be needed.



### YOUTH/MINI MEMBERSHIP FEE

Youngsters are welcome to try Rugby free of charge during September, however a modest membership of **£30** annually (equivalent to £1 per session) is charged to become a mini/youth member and is payable by the end of September, this includes the following kit/equipment as part of the deal :-

## NEW Mini/Youth Membership Kit Deal NEW



BGYRFC Socks



Personalised Shorts



"Gilbert" Gum shield



BGYRFC "Trainee Superman" T-shirt



Personalised Water bottle

**30 weeks of Rugby AND all this kit for just £30!**

**\*PICK UP A MEMBERSHIP FORM FROM THE CLUBHOUSE OR ASK ANY OF THE MINI/YOUTH TEAM**



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### VOLUNTEERING

We very much welcome your help with the running of the club. It takes a great deal of work to ensure everyone can train and play. So if you could help in any way, for example coaching, managing, refereeing, helping in the kitchen or at social events, fund raising or with the website or publicity please join our fabulous army of volunteers. We have listed some volunteer roles and would be grateful, if you could contribute a little time each week, to receive the attached slip via your child's Team Manager. Alternatively contact the **Club Volunteer Coordinator**. Basic role descriptions are available on request.

To achieve the RFU recommended minimum ratio of adults to children - 1:10 for children over 8 years old; 1:8 for children under 8 years old and 1:6 for children under 7 years old – we need to recruit volunteer coaches and managers each season.

### VOLUNTEER ROLES

JOB	TIMESCALE
Photographer	Match Days or as and when needed
Match Reports	Match Days Only
Social Events	As and when needed
Duty Officer	Match Days Only
Assisting Coaches	Weekly
Kitchen	Weekly (On a 1 in 4 week rota)

### SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN & VULNERABLE ADULTS

At BGYRFC we are committed to safeguarding the welfare of children and vulnerable adults. Everyone works in partnership to promote children's welfare, health and development and all allegations and suspicions of harm will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly, fairly and appropriately

Adults working with children and vulnerable adults in a voluntary or paid capacity in rugby union must have: An Enhanced Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) disclosure processed and risk assessed by the RFU, in line with the RFU's Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Policy, which is implemented within this club. CRB certificate applications are only seen by the individual applicant and the RFU Safeguarding team at Twickenham, where clearance is approved.

### SAFEGUARDING (FURTHER INFO)

For further information regarding the safeguarding of children or vulnerable adults contact the Club Safeguarding Officer:

**Andy Goff EMAIL: [Safeguarding@BroadlandRFC.com](mailto:Safeguarding@BroadlandRFC.com)**

**PHONE NUMBER: 07545484507**

Andy will be on duty most Sunday mornings in and around the clubhouse; if unavailable please contact another member of the committee or refer to the Safeguarding policy.

### FIXTURES

We aim to run a series of Mini/Youth fixtures throughout the season, a list of these will be available from members of the Coaching team and shown on the club website.

### TRANSPORT

In most instances it is the responsibility of parents, not the club, to transport their child to and from the club or nominated meeting point. If parents make arrangements between themselves this is a private arrangement and at the parents' discretion. When BGYRFC **formally arranges** transport we will ensure that drivers and vehicles comply with the RFU's Safeguarding Policy. In the event of a late collection coaches and volunteers will attempt to contact the parents, wait with the child, preferably in the company of others, notify the Club Safeguarding Officer and remind parents of their responsibility to collect their child promptly.

### DOGS

Dogs are allowed on the club fields; providing they are kept on a lead and that any mess is cleared up and disposed of properly.

**PHOTOGRAPHIC IMAGES** We encourage the taking of appropriate images of children involved in rugby celebrating the Core Values of the sport. The RFU's guidance for parents and the paid and volunteer workforce can be found on the Safeguarding pages of rfu.com. It is based on common sense and we would ask everyone to read and comply with this guidance.

*Any parent or guardian who does not want their child photographed for any reason should talk in confidence to the team's coach or manager. We will then take all reasonable steps to ensure the child is not photographed whilst playing or training at the club*



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### Festivals

#### East Norfolk Minis Festival 2012

**Easter Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2012**

Building on last year's tournament we are again hosting a number of local and touring teams.  
*For more information speak contact Russ Clarke*

#### East Norfolk Youth Festival 2012

**Saturday/Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> May 2012**

We will be hosting a number of local and touring teams in our first Youth tournament over the May Bank Holiday.  
*For more information speak contact Russ Clarke*



\*Photos from last year's enormously successful Easter Minis Festival

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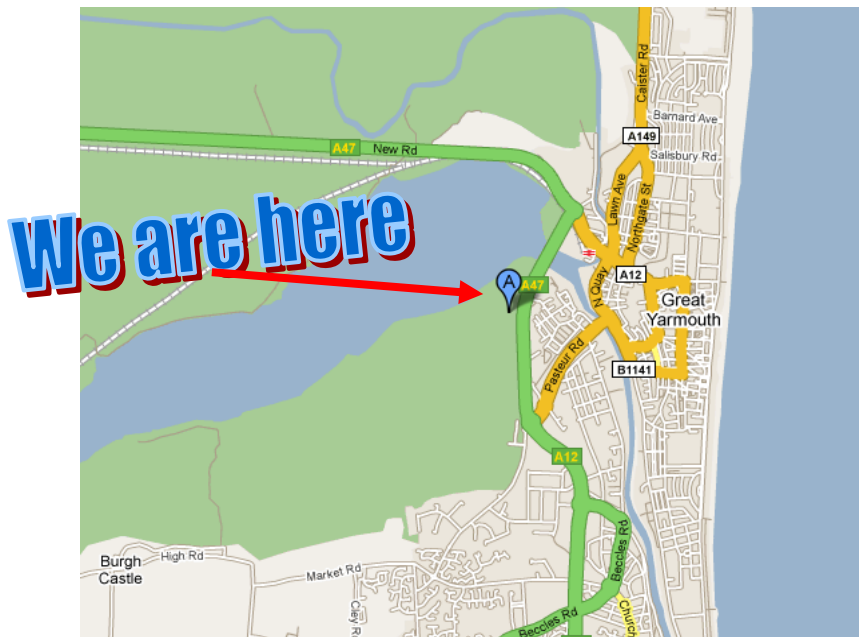
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Our location is:

**Cobholm Playing Fields, Cobholm, Mill Lane, Great Yarmouth, NR31 0AY**

The telephone number of the clubhouse is:

01493 445 692



BGYRFC CLUB OFFICERS			
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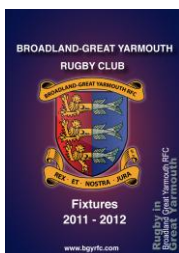


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## Mini/Youth Sponsorship Opportunities

### Mini/Youth Playing Kit Sponsorship - £350-£2500

This sponsorship is for the playing kit for a single year group or up to all mini/youth playing shirts. These tops are worn for all club representative games and during Youth/Mini festivals. These shirts are made available to all mini/youth members so your brand would have maximum exposure with this sponsorship opportunity. Your logo would feature boldly on the front of the playing shirt as displayed



### Fixture Booklet Advertising - £50 full page, £25 half page

Each year we produce pocket-sized fixture booklets that are issued to all playing members, sponsors and are available to the general public from the rugby club itself. Full and half page adverts are available with an option to put a link to your company on our website

### Mini/Youth Match Ball Sponsorship - £50 per fixture

By sponsoring the match ball your name will be included in the match reports and any or all of the publicity associated with that match



### Water Bottle Sponsorship - £80 per set of bottles

This sponsorship opportunity is for a set of water bottles and carrier, which will be emblazoned with your company's logo. These bottles travel home and away throughout Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex

If you would like to take up one of these fantastic opportunities or discuss further sponsorship offers available then please either send an email to [Sponsorship@broadlandrfc.com](mailto:Sponsorship@broadlandrfc.com) or call Russ Clarke on 07766 315 506