



## JUNIOR SECTION BLANDFORD RFC SPRING NEWSLETTER 2010



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Welcome to the BRFC Junior Section Spring Newsletter 2010. Christmas now seems long ago and the end of the season is equally far off. Hopefully the weather will improve and we will not be forced to cancel any more training or matches because of frozen or water logged pitches.

I would like to at this point remind you all of the procedures we adopt if due to the weather we are forced to cancel matches or training. For away games cancellations are decided by our opponents and normally we are informed in plenty of time to be able to inform every one of the changes. For home games the decision rests with us and is based on advice from the School grounds staff, we will have been monitoring the state of the pitches throughout the week. All coaches will be informed of game cancellations. If the condition of the ground is such that training is not possible coaches will be informed and requested to inform their respective parents of this. However, we have a number of training grids and allowed practice areas on site and it is rare that we have to cancel training even if the school have requested we stay off the playing pitches. Coaches will be informed if there is no training and will inform parents.

If you are not sure what the current situation is for the approaching weekend please always check the website regularly during the run up to Sunday; details will be published frequently to keep you all informed. If you are still unsure then please contact a member of the admin staff whose details are on the website for confirmation.

We will try and rearrange matches which have been cancelled so far this season with our opponents; however this is not always possible due both their and our future commitments. If we are able to reschedule the matches details will be published on the Fixtures page of the website.

Another point which I would like to remind you of is that when a coach is unavailable for a session we normally know in advance and can adjust who is teaching which groups so that every age group is covered. Even if it is a short notice absence we can always come up with a solution and training will continue. The unavailability of a coach does not cancel a training session or match. Please remember that the start time for training and especially on match days is 1000 hrs. It can be rather embarrassing if the opposition has arrived and we have no players.

Since my last newsletter we have added an RSS Feed to the website. This will enable you to keep up to date with news and announcements even when you are not at home. RSS Feeds can be accessed via most mobile phones, Blackberry devices and computers. Full details about this new service are available on our website.

Work is well underway in confirming the sections fixtures for the 2010/2011 season and we are confident that there will be a full set of fixtures for all age groups. The fixtures list once completed will be published on our website. We are also in the process of arranging to host a number of touring teams towards the end of the season. Again these details will be published on the website once all details have been finalised.

There are still some parents who have not provided the passport photographs required under the RFU Registration process. Two photographs should be provided at the earliest opportunity. This is vitally important for children who will be taking part in festivals or tournaments in the near future. The registration card acts as confirmation of eligibility to play. So no registration card, no participation. Please check with Joy if you are unsure if you still need to provide these photographs.

Sadly at the end of the season we will be saying goodbye to a number of our coaches who in the army as they have informed me that after the end of the season that they will be posted away from Blandford. In order to replace them we need to commence looking for more volunteers to take their place. If you think that you could help please speak to our Coaching Coordinator (Mick Solomons), Volunteer Coordinator (Stuart Pentney), Louis, Joy or myself. If you need any training the club will support you in this. We will also be running a recruitment drive for both coaches and additional players as most of our coaches who will be leaving also have children who play. So if you know of any children who may like to play bring them along before the end of the season for a taste of what rugby is like.

Finally I would like to thank those parents who provided the refreshments for our Christmas Social event for all their hard work both before and on the day. I am sure that all who attended had an enjoyable time. We will be looking to hold similar events in the future.

I look forward to seeing you all on Sundays.

Regards

*Helen Oliver*

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