



Mini Rugby in the Showgrounds - Coaches Briefing 2019/20 Season

Dear Coach,

As you may be aware, the mini-rugby will be switching location to the showgrounds on the Curraheen Road in a couple of weeks.

This is due to the development of the club's facilities and the fact that we are constrained in terms of available pitches. We will be back at base next season with excellent facilities.

So please ensure that you are aware of the following important health and safety points:

We need to treat the show grounds as a public venue as we will only be taking a part of it at any time and there could be other people/groups in the overall compound. So the duty of care is high. We have to know where our kids are all of the time.

There will be a designated drop off/collection point clearly marked for parents picking up and dropping off their children.

Parents should be encouraged to stay whilst their child in training or if they cannot, to be back well in time to collect their child.

Each coaching group must insist that parents inform them when they are picking up their child and the lead coach should take responsibility for this.

Children must be told that they must to gather in their designated spot after training and get picked up from there.

Under no circumstances are they to leave without telling a coach and the coach must verify that a parent or guardian takes control of the child from that point.

Parents lift sharing must inform coaches. If a parent has not advised that their child is being picked up by another parent, then the coaches must ring the parent and ensure they agree before they release the child from their care.

No-one must leave without permission and coaches should keep a log in a book of attendees and pickups.

Coaches (at least two) must stay with the children until they are collected at the end of the session.

All parents phone numbers should be in the first aid bag and available to all coaches (which should be on what's app in either case).

Under no circumstances should a child be allowed to walk to or from the venue.

Parents must be encouraged to ensure their child has rain gear in poor weather - we may not have enough suitable shelter for all the children and parents unlike at the club - another reason to encourage parents to be there to collect their children early on wet days.

First aid bags must be on hand and we will have a plan for ambulance reserve place etc which will be discussed when we get down there at the start of the first session. Eir code will be made known to all coaches.

Two coaches should accompany the child to the toilet facilities but a coach can also ask a parent to accompany them if they are short handed. Kids ideally should be taken in groups.

Ensure to be aware of medical conditions, just in case. We will arrange to have an AED at the site.