

## Bruff RFC Underage Rugby



Kilballyowen Park, Bruff, Co. Limerick  
Founded 1970

September 2015

Dear Parent/Guardian/Player

On behalf of Bruff Rugby Club, we would like to welcome you to Kilballyowen Park for the start of the 2015/16 season.

Underage Rugby plays a significant role in the local community and Bruff's underage success over the past number of years is well documented.

The past year was very successful for the underage club, with the Under 12 team winning the James Keating Memorial tournament. The Under 15 team were unlucky to be beaten in the Final of the League Cup by Garryowen. The Under 16' also had a very successful year where they also won the League Cup.

The Under 18 team had an excellent year; they won the Open Cup while being very unlucky to be beaten in the Pan Munster Final by Newcastle West in Thomond Park. At representative level Dylan Reeves represented the club on the Munster Under 18 team and proudly played for Ireland in the Under 18 Six Nations.

Additional to that we currently have a number of Under 15 players in training with the Munster Academy team.

The end of the Underage season was marked by a BBQ on 9<sup>th</sup> May where the winning teams were presented with their medals on the night which was a very successful and enjoyable event.

For those of you who are new to the club, Mini Rugby (ages 6 to 12) takes place every Sunday morning at 10.30 am. The dates and times of blitzes will be forwarded to you by text.

Youth Rugby (ages 13 to 18) takes place from 11.30 a.m. on Sunday morning and Wednesday nights from 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm.

Please ensure that you complete a club registration form fully and submit to one of the undersigned along with the registration fee. Alternatively the registration form may be given to the team coach who will provide to the undersigned.

Please read the registration form, ensure there is a contact number and if possible an email address on the form. The registration fee is €35 per child, €55 for 2 children, no additional charge for 3 or more children.

**The registration form needs to be returned to a member of the Underage Committee for filing.**

Club Jerseys, socks and shorts are available from the shop, which is open every Sunday morning. Gum Shields are also available in the shop along with other club merchandise.

Our website plays an integral way of communicating to parents/guardian and coaches, so again visit us at [www.bruffrfc.com](http://www.bruffrfc.com) or through the Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/bruff.rfc](http://www.facebook.com/bruff.rfc)

A code of conduct for players, parents and coaches can be obtained from any member of the Underage Committee.

The code of conduct is also available at the following location <http://origin.irishrugby.ie/downloads/CodeofConducts.pdf> on the IRFU webpage.

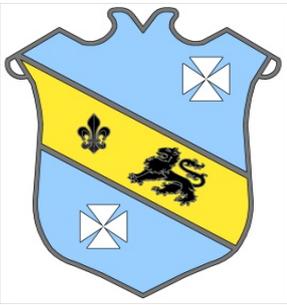
Please feel free to contact any of the Underage club officers if you have any feedback or questions and we will be happy to help.

**Yours in Rugby,**

**Tony Clifford**  
Chairman

**Pat Gennery**  
Treasurer

**Bernard Daly**  
Secretary



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Mini & Youth Player Registration Form



## Season 2015 – 2016

Please fill in using **BLOCK Capitals Only** (All Sections to be completed)

New Registration (Yes/No): \_\_\_\_\_ Previous Registration (Year): \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age Grade Playing: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Interested in Joining Ball Boy Rota for Home AIL Matches (Tick Yes/No)  
(Applicable to Under 12 and Over Only):

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
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**\*\*\*\* Important Notice – Please Read\*\*\*\***

The committee would like to draw your attention to the details of player insurance each season. Bruff RFC retains insurance cover for players under the IRFU Player Insurance Scheme. This scheme covers club players for catastrophic injury only e.g. loss of limb, permanent disablement etc. The policy does **not** cover medical expenses/visits to Shannon doc, accident and emergency visits (e.g. stitches, sprains etc.) or dental repair. It is therefore critical that all players or parents/guardians of players investigate their insurance options. The club recommends that players are covered by medical insurance from a recognised private medical insurer. We would also advise that you check your child's school insurance policy (if applicable) to determine what type of insurance cover the policy provides. Rugby is a collision sport and regrettably injuries can occur. Bruff RFC is committed to providing a positive rugby environment for all its members. This does **not** extend to financial support for medical bills.

**NB:** By signing this registration form I accept that I have read and understood the content above.

Signature Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: Any relevant medical information to be passed on to team coach.**

Mini and Youth Players will **Not** be allowed train or play matches without Gum Shields.  
Completed Registration form must be returned to Underage Committee or team coach with  
€35.00 registration fee enclosed.

**For Official Use Only:** Fee Enclosed (Yes/No): \_\_\_\_\_ Form Checked By: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Code of Conduct for Players

**1**

Play for enjoyment and become part of the rugby family.

**2**

Respect the 'Game of Rugby' and play within the Laws of the Game.

**3**

Accept the referee's decision and let your captain or coach ask any relevant questions.

**4**

Play with control. Do not lose your temper.

**5**

Always do your best and be committed to the game, your team and your club.

**6**

Be a 'good sport'. Applaud all good play whether by your team or the opposition.

**7**

Respect your opponent. Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Do not 'bully' or take advantage of any player.

**8**

Rugby is a team sport and make sure you co-operate with your coach; team mates and members of your club.

**9**

Remember that the goals of the game are to have fun, improve your skills and feel good.

**10**

At the end of the match thank your opponents and the referee for the match.

**11**

Always remember that you owe a duty of care to your opponents. Tackle hard but fairly, do not intend to hurt your opponent.

**12**

Winning and losing is part of sport: Win with humility – lose with dignity.

**13**

As part of the team it is important that you attend training regularly and listen to your coach and help your team.

**14**

As a team sport it is important to understand that all members are important to the team!

**15**

Remember you are representing your team, club, family and the Game of Rugby.

# Code of Conduct for Coaches

**1**

Remember that as a coach of an 'age-grade team' you are acting 'in loco parentis' and that you have a duty of care to all your players.

**2**

Lead by example - young people need a coach they can respect as a Role Model.

**3**

Be generous with your praise and never ridicule, shout at players for making mistakes or losing a match.

**4**

Teach your players that the Laws of the Game are mutual agreements which no one should evade or break.

**5**

Ensure that you are appropriately qualified by gaining the relevant coaching accreditation for your particular level.

**6**

Be reasonable in your demands on the players' time, energy and enthusiasm.

**7**

Encourage respect for all participants – team mates and opponents, as well as match officials.

**8**

Create a safe and enjoyable environment in which to train and play.

**9**

Always follow professional medical advice in determining when an injured player is ready to play again.

**10**

Develop policies for your club / team to agree procedures regarding discipline, injury prevention & treatment, team selection etc.

**11**

Be responsible and ensure you uphold the ethos of the game and the IRFU.

**12**

Support the IRFU Child Welfare Policy and all policies regarding Children in Sport.

## Code of Conduct for Parents

**1**

Remember, young people play rugby for their enjoyment, not only yours.

**2**

Encourage your child always to play by the Laws of the Game.

**3**

Teach young children that honest endeavour is as important as winning, so that the result of each game is accepted without disappointment.

**4**

Help young people to work towards skill improvement and good sportsmanship.

**5**

Set a good example by applauding good play on both sides.

**6**

Never ridicule, humiliate or shout at young players for making a mistake or losing a match.

**7**

Do not place emphasis on winning at all costs.

**8**

Do not force an unwilling child to participate in the playing of rugby. If the child is to play, he/she will do so in good time through your encouragement.

**9**

Support all efforts to remove verbal & physical abuse from rugby.

**10**

As a spectator do not use profane language or harass referees, coaches or players.

**11**

Do not publicly question the referee's judgement and never their honesty.

**12**

Recognise the value and importance of volunteer referees and coaches.

**13**

Identify and acknowledge the good qualities of the Game of Rugby and uphold these values.

**14**

Remember you and your child's contribution to the Game of Rugby is very important to the IRFU and be proud of your contribution.

**15**

Understand the value of team sport and its importance.

## Code of Conduct for Spectators

**1**

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

**2**

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

**3**

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

**4**

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

**5**

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

**6**

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

**7**

Players or referees are not fair targets for ignorant behaviour.

**8**

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

**9**

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

**10**

Be proud of your club and the Game of Rugby.

## Code of Conduct for Referees

**1**

Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every child and treat everyone equally, regardless of gender, disability, ethnic origin, religion, etc.

**2**

All referees must be a member of their Branch Referees Association.

**3**

Act as a role model and promote the positive aspects of rugby and maintain the highest standards of personal conduct.

**4**

Be responsible for monitoring the boundaries between a working relationship and friendship with players.

**5**

Avoid being alone with underage persons.

**6**

Never deal with injuries unless qualified to do so.

**7**

Encourage coaches/parents to act responsibly and to be responsible for the behaviour and performance of players.

**8**

Ensure that safety is paramount in all games.

**9**

Follow agreed protocols regarding shower arrangements after matches.

**10**

Agree appropriate times for entry to changing rooms to deal with match preparation and ensure members of the team management are present.

**11**

Be punctual, prepared and well presented.

**12**

Ensure players and officials comply with the Laws of the Game.

**13**

Never criticise individual players and or coaches or parents.

**14**

Adhere to all rules and procedures as agreed by the Branch Referees Association