



GRASSHOPPERS

Minis Rugby



Minis Newsletter August 2018

Sunday 2 September – Season Starts / Registration



The new 2018/19 rugby season commences for all Minis age-groups on Sunday 2 September. We are thrilled about the move to our new facility on Syon Lane. Due to the persistent dry and hot weather we have been asked to allow the new grass pitches some additional time to 'blend' and settle in. This will therefore result in slightly adjusted training session times for the first few weeks in September as all groups will have the opportunity to train on the new artificial grass pitch (AGP). The scheduled times are as follows:

09:00 – 10:15 – Knee Highs (U6); U7; U8 & U9 (AGP)
10:15-11:30 – U10; U11 & U12 (AGP)

Registration for the new season will be slightly different than before, building on the changes we made at the start of last season to make the experience more efficient. All current players (who are fully registered with the club and with the RFU on GMS) have simply to pay their annual subscription fee behind the clubhouse bar (£100 per player with £20 per additional playing sibling) then present their receipt to a club official who is registering players. Let us know if there are any changes to your registered player details (e-mail / mobile contacts; home address; medical conditions / allergies etc) so we can amend our records accordingly.

Parents / carers of new players should complete an electronic registration form on one of the provided laptops in the clubhouse. Alternatively we can e-mail the registration form to you in advance upon request. Simply request the form from Declan at bigmckeeper@gmail.com



The Grasshoppers Club newsletter referencing the news of the new move can be found by clicking [here](#)

Rugby Holiday Camp – October 2018

Following many requests from Minis players / parents the club have managed (through Director of Rugby Matt Gilmore) to secure a half term rugby camp for October 2018 in collaboration with Harlequins RFC. The camp will take place on 22, 23 & 24 October at the new Grasshoppers' club on Syon Lane. Enquiries / bookings can be made at www.rugbycamps.co.uk/harlequins Early-bird places (booked before 1st October) are available for £95 (for all 3 days). Bookings made after 1st October will cost £105.



New Website & Social Media Platforms

As part of the continued development of the club, a major project has been underway to update and grow our presence online. A new state-of-the-art website is now being finalised and will be launched in the coming weeks once all aspects have been finalised and quality assured. Our social media presence is also being updated and developed at present to bring us in line with the top sporting clubs in the country and you will notice many changes and improvements over the next 4-6 weeks on Facebook and Twitter platforms. Watch this space!





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NEW SEASON KIT – PRE-ORDER NOW

Our new kit supplier (Sports Merchandising Ireland) has been working with the club to finalise the new kits across all age groups. The new Minis playing kit can now be ordered using the order form attached to this newsletter e-mail. Some parents / carers have already been proactive and ordered the new kit (as there is a 6- 8 week turnaround) but we want to give anyone who still wishes to place orders the chance to do so. Please complete the attached form as appropriate and e-mail it back to bigmckeeper@gmail.com Finally make your payment to the account listed on the form. This order will then be confirmed with you and generated with our supplier. I would always order ***the jerseys slightly bigger if you want to get one or two year's wear.*** The new leisurewear range is ADIDAS and this will be available to purchase / order in September. If you have any technical issues, simply e-mail me with your preferred kit sizes at bigmckeeper@gmail.com



MINIS COMMITTEE 2018/19

Below are the club volunteers who have been voted into committee roles for the 2018/19 season. If you have any general or specific queries please make contact as appropriate. We thank them for their continued work for all our players / parents at Grasshoppers.

Chairperson – Declan McKeever – 07950 953649 – bigmckeeper@gmail.com

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If you have any questions about any of the content of this newsletter, any suggestions for how it could be improved or indeed any suggestions of how we could improve generally please do not hesitate to contact Declan at bigmckeeper@gmail.com

