

# Broughton Park Football Club

(Rugby Union)

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## 2017/18 Season Youth Update

### Welcome to new and returning players

The 2016/17 season saw further growth in our youth section, with more new players joining as well as parents coming on board to help with coaching and other vital jobs. Thanks to the hard work of our volunteers and the support of our local RFU officials we saw a successful end to our five year plan, to have teams from an under 6 development squad to a Colts team for the first time in several seasons, with appropriately qualified coaches through our age grades.

Youth rugby is dependent on volunteers, and as ever we need to thank all our coaches and other volunteer parents and members who keep us on track; we always need more help so please don't be afraid to offer any help you can this season, even if you can only commit to a couple times over the 35 weeks.

We had a record number of over 200 attendees on another fantastic youth tour to Fleetwood where the sun shone, with children and adults alike enjoying the social side of our rugby family.



We are "More Than Rugby" and last season we saw a new event on our calendar in the form of a sell out "Halloween and Fireworks Spooktacular", thanks to the growing support of local company Chorlton Fireworks. Top Tampopo eastern cuisine went down a treat along with a sweet finish from Barbakan at our annual parent and coach social event. We also had another bout of WWE type wrestling, which once again saw a busy club house cheering the wrestlers in the temporary ring; bringing players, parents, coaches and club members and friends together.



## Kid First Rugby and Core Values

Rugby had been prominent on the world stage over the past few seasons, with the 2015 Rugby World Cup, during which we hosted Uruguay, then the 2016 World Rugby U20s Championship, when we hosted New Zealand. This summer Ireland was the host of the Women's Rugby World Cup and we are proud to be seeing increasing numbers of our girls in our mini section and this season will hopefully see the formation of our first junior under 13s girls team.

We continue to try and take forwards our Old Mutual Wealth Kids First Rugby pledge and were pleased to be invited to, and had representation at, the first OMW Kids First Conference in Twickenham.



As ever the club aims to ensure that players, coaches, parents and spectators uphold the core values of rugby union – Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline and Sportsmanship. These values are reflected in the RFU's Code of Rugby. Broughton Park supports these values and as a result we always ensure that we try to:

- Play to win but not at all costs.
- 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.

We always note we are as proud that our young teams are renowned for their fair play as for their successes. We are also proud of our RFU seal of approval and Kids First Rugby status, which is recognition that the club is providing a quality rugby union experience for all its young players.

"Broughton Park Happy Sundays Mini Rugby Festival" is now another annual event in our calendar, and promotes the Core Values of the game; supported once again in 2016/17 by Williams Land Rover.



## Safeguarding

As a kids first rugby club we are committed to safeguarding the welfare of children and vulnerable adults. We encourage the taking of appropriate images of children involved in rugby celebrating the core values of the sport. The RFU guidance for parents and coaches can be found on the safeguarding page of England Rugby and in our club policy. It is based on common sense and we would ask everyone to read and comply with this guidance. Parental permission for the taking of photographs is sought on the membership renewal form, so please ensure this section is completed if you do not give consent. Our Mini players should not be left without parental supervision at the side lines. Last season our coaches noted this was at times an issue, so please be mindful of this; your children love you to watch them play and support them and their fellow players positively on the sidelines.

## Club Membership & Fees

Our fees have been held for over six seasons now and are significantly lower in comparison to other local sporting clubs. We are an inclusive Club and will support players if required as we want players of all ages to enjoy the game but the Club does not run itself.

We have fantastic facilities including a 3G pitch which all teams use to train on over wet winter periods and a club house with amazing grandstand views. These all come at a cost to run and repair, which is greatly dependent on our membership fees; £105 doesn't go very far these days. On top of basic utilities and maintenance there is the cost of equipment, funding courses for our volunteers, plus the cost of the food bill for visiting teams etc.

We want new players to have tried a couple of sessions before we ask them to pay up, so we make our sign up day the third week of the season; however it is vital that membership is completed as soon as possible; as all players need to sign up and be paid up as registered members of the club for insurance and safeguarding reasons.

**"Membership Sunday"** this year is **Sunday 17th September** and we respectfully ask that you complete your forms and return appropriate funds before or by this date. Please remember our administrators are parents like you who pay the same fees and are just helping out and want to enjoy watching their children play, not do the often embarrassing and time consuming job of chasing people up.

A **"no pay no play"** policy should be **enforced by all teams**. If appropriate forms and ID have not been provided and membership has not been paid by 17th September **players will not be able to play; especially those participants in early Lancashire Cup games**. Shirts will be issued on receipt of forms and fees to those teams who retain shirts for the season; junior shirts are issued and collected on match days.

### Membership fees 2017/18

Single Youth member (including 1 adult member)	£105 annually or	£9/month standing order
2 Youth players (including 1 adult membership)	£185 annually or	£16/month standing order
3 Youth players (including 1 adult membership)	£240 annually or	£20/month standing order
Optional Additionally Parent membership	£10	

Adult (Parent/Guardian) youth membership is only £10 for this you are entitled to: -

- One free room hire of the club subject to availability and a minimum £500 bar takings.
- Members reduction fee to 1<sup>st</sup> XV games.

If any parent/guardian has a particular financial needs regarding the payment of fees this can be discussed in confidence with either: - Rob Loveday -Youth Chairman, Phillipa Ranson – Youth Secretary or Kay Silvey – Youth Treasurer.

Please note of you are paying by **standing order it is to be paid over 12 months starting in September 2017 and continued to August 2018**. Standing orders set up after September will need the initial payment to cover the previous month(s) fees. You will note standing order fees have been rounded up. Payment details are listed below: -

Bank - Natwest

Account Name - Broughton Park Youth Rugby

Your Ref - Age Grade & Name e.g. U7JBloggs

Account No - 21103178

Sort code - 010197

## Games & Training

This will take place on Sundays between 10.30 and 11.30 when there isn't a fixture, plus for all age grades over U9 who play the contact game every Wednesday between 6.00 and 8.00 depending on age grade; unless your coach notifies you of a change of the day and time.

## Forms

This may be obvious but please ensure you fully complete the membership form and RFU form if required.

## Membership Form

These are required annually. All data is needed especially **two parent/guardian/next of kin contact numbers** for training and match day and ideally e-mail addresses.

**Photographic consent** will be assumed if no tick on the form and comments made.

**Gift aid** - As a Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC) we are looking at what we can claim gift aid and have added a consent to claim on the membership fees. You must pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April one year to 5 April the next) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that the charity or Community Amateur Sports Club will reclaim on your gifts for that tax year.

## Lancashire Registration

All players need to be registered with Lancashire RFU within 45 day of joining the club and prior to playing in any Lancashire Cup games; without this they are not covered by the RFU. This is a one off youth registration, so once players are on the system they do not have re-register annually. The teams playing in Lancashire cup competitions this season will require the photo ID cards to be allowed to participate; so please ensure you send a new photo (preferably electronically to youthmembership@broughton-park.org.uk with the player's name and team in the subject line).

If your player is not registered, you need to complete a Lancashire Registration Form and provide this together with a copy of their birth certificate or passport, plus a photo to Phillipa Ranson Youth Secretary.

All clubs have been reminded that one of the main purposes of registering players for Lancashire is to ensure that everyone plays for the correct age group. It is discouraged that players play out of age grade if the Club has an appropriate age grade team. Any application to do so must be approved by Lancashire RFU, via the correct form submission; signed by the parent/guardian, coach, chairman and safeguarding officer. Please see RFU Regulation 15 for full details <http://www.englandrugby.com/governance/regulations> and for further details about Age Grade Rugby visit <http://www.englandrugby.com/my-rugby/players/age-grade-rugby>

## Kit and Shirts

A Broughton Park rugby shirt is provided for all games. Thanks to increasing sponsorship some teams have shorts and socks but if your teams are not provided players need to have black shorts, socks and preferably a training shirt. We have an on-line club shop but additional items don't have to be club branded. Our Minis teams tend to have shirts issued on loan and they are collected in at the end of season, while our junior teams tend to issue and collect shirts in at each game.

We welcome kit sponsorship to support our costs and are most grateful to Barbakan, C-Probe, Williams Land Rover and new sponsors this season JP & Brimelow for their support. We are always looking for new club sponsors if you are interested please let Phillipa know. Pitch side banners are £300 for the season, produce by our excellent supplier JA Signs & Graphics.

In addition players need:

- Boots – the studs must be proper rugby studs and **Kite** marked. We request that **no plastic "mouldies"** are worn, as they have caused injuries in several clubs.
- **All contact players must wear a gum shield in matches and training.**
- We see all weathers through our rugby season and request that parents ensure their children come with appropriate layers of clothing. **No zip tops should be worn when training or playing.** We also request **hoodies are not worn to train or play in; if worn please tuck hood in and have playing shirt over the top.**
- Clean dry clothes are needed after play, not only to warm up post session but also to look after our club house and the clubs we visit. **No Boot or Muddy Clothes in the Main room.**
- Water bottles should also be provided, especially on hot days.
- Players who require glasses please refer to England Rugby and IRB Guidance.

## Matches/Training Attendance and Transport

The squads are getting bigger every year, which is great; however if our teams are to thrive and enjoy the game it is vital they get time to train together and we have the support of parents.

Helping transport players to away fixtures is essential and we often need to help each other out; especially if we have multiple away fixture, so families may have mini and junior players at different locations.

On the morning of the game if you suddenly find that your child cannot play even though you have said that he/she is available please contact your coach; we don't want to be waiting for someone who is not coming. It's also difficult to plan training and fixture if you don't know who will be there. Our fixtures secretary spends a lot of time getting our season sorted and needs to confirm games as early as possible, for playing area and post match food. Please be mindful that our coaches are volunteers and have family and work lives, as well as the commitment they make supporting our players. They need your support even if it's only a reply to say yes or no to availability as soon as possible.

## Fundraising

Fundraising is always a vital aspect of the youth section. It enables us to purchase additional kit and other specific items highlighted.

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be collecting free donations for Broughton Park FC with **Easyfundraising**? There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, the trainline and Sainsbury's; it doesn't cost you a penny extra!

1. Head to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/broughtonparkfc/> and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
3. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and Broughton Park FC will be really grateful for your donations.

## Club shop

We have an online Club shop which can be accessed directly at <https://www.oneills.com/shop-by-team/rugby/rugby-union/broughton-park-fc-1.html> or via the "Shopping" tab on the Club website. If you sign up as a member you earn discount points, the more members we have the greater discount we all get. **The Club also get a percentage kick back in terms of kit for all purchases**, so it's another way to help raise funds. There will be an additional discount code coming on Membership Sunday and the company will be at the club on the 17th September with sizing samples.

## 250 Club

The 250 club, which is worth joining at only £2 a month with Prizes of: - 1st £250, 2nd £100, 3rd £50: plus 2 x Bonus Draws. Another way to help raise funds and hopefully if you're lucky get something back! See the Club website for more details. If you're not in it you can't win it!

## Website & Social Media

This season as ever we are asking you to register as parents and add your players to the Broughton Park Pitchero Website [www.broughton-park.org.uk](http://www.broughton-park.org.uk) This will enable you to be kept informed of events in the club. We can also use the site to download pictures taken, as locked pictures can only be viewed by registered members to the youth teams. **Please register-it is free and only takes a minute.** Each team needs admins to keep the site up to date, so please volunteer if you can help. You can also follow us on Facebook on Broughton Park Rugby BPFC or on Twitter @broughtonparkfc please help us develop positive social media for our Club.

## Volunteers Needed

As noted already we are a voluntary-run community amateur sports club and that means we need everyone to help in any way they can. You don't need to know about the game to help with admin or run the "Tuck Shop" or just help set up or tidy up. We do fund formal training for specific roles: -

- There are a range of courses available: - first aid, refereeing, safeguarding, coaching etc. Please contact Andrew Mullen, Club coach co-ordinator for details [ajm.mullen@gmail.com](mailto:ajm.mullen@gmail.com)
- To protect our players and volunteers the RFU DBS check all coaches and parent helpers who have regular direct contact with our players such as first aiders and safeguarding officers etc. For further information on this please contact our safeguarding lead Alison Peachy via e-mail [safeguarding@broughton-park.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@broughton-park.org.uk)

## Coaches for 2017/18

U6s	Heather Greaney
U7s	Vacant - <b>We need volunteers</b>
U8s	Paul McGrath, Mitch Brough.
U9s	Stewart Brown, Al O'Brian
U10s	Tony Bell, Mark Chadwick, Graham Martin
U11s	Mike Baumber, Simon Ainsworth, Phillipa Ranson, Chris Wallace
U12s	Andy Trotter, Graham Higginbotham, Connor Reaves, Rob Richards
U13s	Andrew Stripe, Chris Webb
U14s	Martin Ranson, Shaun Tolan,
U15s	John Heald, Andrew Mullen, Jim Rochford
U16s	Rob Loveday, Dave Pilkington, Howard Warren
Colts	Mark Lloyd, Saul Quirke, Andy Wilkinson

## Youth Rugby Officers for 2017/18

Post	2017/18
Chair	Rob Loveday
Membership & Youth Secretary	Phillipa Ranson
Treasurer	Kay Silvey
Fundraiser/Social Sec & Vice Chair	Andrew Trotter
Safeguarding Officer	Alison Peach
Mini/Junior Fixture Secretary & Lancashire RFU Officer	John Heald

## Events

During the year we are intending to organise the following, please try and support these events; **put them in your diary now:** -

- September 17<sup>th</sup> - Membership Day & Season Welcome
- October - Halloween party and Fireworks Date TBC
- November - Coaches/parents dinner dance – Friday 17th November
- December - Youth Christmas Party - Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December
- February - Wrestling Date TBC
- March 18th - BPFC Happy Sundays Mini Rugby Festival
- Mini/Junior Tour - TBC (We normally tour alternate years)
- Sale Sharks - Club outing (U7&8's Half time tag demo) TBC
- May 13th - End of presentations

**Please retain this newsletter for your reference but complete the membership form and return in the plastic wallet with correct fees;** making all cheques payable to Broughton Park Youth Rugby. Please hand it to your team admin who gave you your form or directly to the Membership Secretary Phillipa Ranson or to the Treasurer Kay Silvey; preferable after training, in the Club house.

**All the best for the 2017/18 Season - Thank you for being part of the team**