



Pinner and Grammarians RFC Charter

This is the set of principles and guidelines that set out what the coaching team will do and in turn what we expect in return in order to ensure that all players are provided with the maximum opportunity to play and develop.

- **Membership Fees**

These are mandatory from the beginning of the season, for *all players* (or on joining, *only* if this is later). Until the membership fees are paid players are **not covered by the RFU insurance**. The Coaching Team are not prepared to coach uninsured players because of the liability implications around personal injury.

- **Punctuality**

This is really important in order to run our training sessions. Sunday training sessions at Pinner and Grammarians run from 10.00am - 12.00am. We need all players changed and ready to go at 10.00am sharp. Late arrivals cause problems in continuity and organisation. As none of our players can drive legally, parents carry the can for lateness. The coaches set up the training areas before each session, please feel free to offer your assistance for pitch checks etc.

- **Creche Facilities (there are none!)**

All players must be accompanied by a parent guardian throughout all training sessions and fixtures. Obviously parents can provide cover etc but the bottom line is that the responsibility for children remains with the parent/guardian throughout. This is particularly important for new players who may find the first few sessions quite difficult particularly when the weather is cold or wet. The child protection training all of the coaches have undertaken gives clear guidance about providing first aid treatment. Essentially the presence of the parent/guardian is of critical importance particularly as we have some female players but no female coaches (yet!!). Next to the Pinner RFC clubhouse there is a playground for parents to use with players siblings.

- **Kit suggested/required**

Pinner and Grammarians Rugby shirt, shorts & socks; thermal vest or thin layers for the cold weather.

Gum shield (suggested for U7's, mandatory for all other age groups). Players may opt for either "dentist" fitted or the less expensive standard guards that can be moulded to "fit" at home.

Boots/trainers - always bring both and the coaches will decide on which footwear is most appropriate for the session. Kite marked rugby studs should be worn, not tipped or plastic studs.

Players' boots should have Aluminium studs complying to BS6366 - studs should be checked regularly for jagged edges as these pose a serious danger to other players. Please note that rugby studs may be worn for football, but not vice versa.

Moulded plastic studs and rubber blades may be used but must be checked on a regular basis - however boots with 'blade' type soles which have a metal tip on the rubber/plastic are not legal



All players should come adequately equipped to cope with the weather conditions that can occur during the winter months – this includes **hats and wet weather gear** where appropriate. It is better for the children to wear plenty of layers that may be removed accordingly. Rugby gloves (suggested)

It is expected that parents bring with them a set of dry clothing for children to change into after each session. The club provides four changing rooms with en-suite showers

- **Behaviour**

Coaches expect good levels of behaviour from the players. In certain situations players might be required to take time out or have a cooling off period before returning to the session. Two yellow cards in any one session will result in a one week suspension for the player concerned.

- **Kit / equipment**

All training equipment for training sessions is provided by Pinner RFC. In order to control and maintain the kit during the season, we would appreciate volunteers to mind and retrieve kit during and after sessions. The coaches will be responsible for storing the kit, so do not fear for your garage space!

- **Coaches**

For clarity, all of the coaches are unpaid volunteers who have children in the minis section. They all pay membership and subscriptions fees too! All coaches are CRB checked and hold a RFU Coaching Certificate

- **Fun**

We want everyone players/parents/grandparents etc. to feel really welcome and part of the set up, after all, the more you put in, the more you get out! We are looking forward to seeing you all and to a successful season both on and off the pitch – and to having a lot of fun! (Fun is mandatory – even when you are crying with cold, after conceding a dodgy try, in the mud, nursing a dead leg, in the slanting rain)

- **Refreshments**

Refreshments can be bought at the club, but please ensure that your child has access to drinks during training and in between matches. Coaches provide water bottles during training sessions, but players may wish to provide their own

- **Medical or Other Conditions**

Parents/carers must notify coaches of any condition, eg asthma, diabetes, attention deficit disorder, epilepsy, that could affect a player during a session. Appropriate medication should be with the players' parents/carers at all times.

- **Responsibilities of Parents, Coaches and Managers**



Coaches and managers cannot take legal responsibility for those players whose parents leave them during training sessions, tournaments and games. It should be remembered that the training session is not a crèche!

If parents/carers have to leave the ground for any reason during a training session, tournament or game, they should appoint a fellow parent to be responsible for their child.