



# boarugby minis festival

## Bradford on Avon RFC Minis Festival 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025

We look forward to welcoming you to the Bradford on Avon Minis Festival on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025. It is sure to be a great day of rugby, with each club, team and player following the RFU core values of Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline and Sportsmanship.

### Car Parking

Car parking will open at 08:30.

SatNav address "Ashley lane BA15 2HR".

Please see approach and car parking plan below:



**Car Park 1** is designated for head coaches with kit and Blue Badge holders.

**Car Parks 2 and 3** are for players and their families.

**Cost for parking is £5.** Cash preferred - a £5 note is by far the easiest.  
**Please make players' families aware of this charge!**

Permits for head coach / coach with kit allowing entry into Car Park 1 will be provided, on the basis of 1 permit per age group per club.

All cars will be exiting the Winsley bypass as indicated on the map ("ALL Festival access") and will be directed by car parking stewards to either Car Park 1 or Car Parks 2 and 3. There will be no access to car parking where indicated by a red cross on the map. Parking access routes will be clearly signposted on the day.

Car Park 1 is strictly for head coaches with kit and Blue Badge holders only. In order to aid traffic flow off the bypass and into car parks, please have your Head Coach Permit clearly showing on your dashboard as you arrive: if you have no permit clearly visible, you will be asked to proceed to Car Park 2 and 3.

**In order to help make car parking as seamless as possible** - please have your car parking payment of £5 ready. **A £5 note is preferred.** Payment by card is also OK.

## **Festival details**

All information about the Festival, including the pitch layouts and fixture schedules for the day, will be updated on the Festival website closer to the time.

On arrival, breakfast rolls and hot drinks will be available to purchase from the clubhouse, with various other food and drink options becoming available through the day.

Please make your way to your age group pitches as indicated on the festival map and register at the BoA age group gazebo. You are welcome to set up your age group gazebos in the areas indicated on the map. The Festival map will be available as above using the website link.

**Parents are welcome to support all players, but please remain off the pitches during play and please allow space along the touchlines for coaches, line markers and most importantly for player and spectator safety.**

Every effort will be made to ensure suitable gaps between games (ie to minimise or remove back-to-back games) to allow rest and time for the players to have refreshments.

Please respect the RFU's Half Game Rule and age grade best practice of fielding teams of mixed ability.

During the day there will be official photographers taking images of the players during their matches. If you do not wish for your child to be photographed please alert us before the matches commence. Photographs will be available to purchase on the day from the photographers stand on-site.

Catering: there will be a wide range of food and drinks available on the day including the club BBQ, cake/sweet stalls, the clubhouse for breakfast rolls, wood fired pizza, Mac'n'Cheese, slushies and ice cream. Hot drinks will be available in the club house and additional coffee vans amongst the pitches, and the clubhouse bar will be open.

High level plan of the day	
Time	Event
08:30	Car parks ( <b>£5. CASH preferred</b> ) open. Breakfast rolls and hot drinks available to buy from the clubhouse.
09:00-10:00	Registration of teams at their age group gazebo
09:30	Additional pitch-side coffee outlets open
10:00	Coaches welcome and briefing outside their age group gazebo
10:30	Food Court opens - various food and drink options (details to be provided on festival website)
10:30	Matches to start on the allocated pitches.
13:00-14:00	Matches to end followed by a Spirit of Rugby presentation at their age group gazebo.

**Please note that dogs are not allowed at the rugby club. Please can all clubs make their players' families aware of this.**

## **Safeguarding**

BoA RFC follows the RFU safeguarding guidelines:

<https://www.englandrugby.com/governance/safeguarding>

Players should play within their individual age grade by default. **Please let BoARFC know in advance if you have any players playing over or under the stated age for the age group or have any combined age groups, and that you have the relevant CB / RFU approvals as per Regs 15.2 - 15.5.**

Our Club Safeguarding Officer is Trevor Nott; Trevor will be present on the day should there be any concerns.

## **First Aid**

It is expected that all squads will have at least 1 qualified First Aider (EFARU or equivalent).

Additionally, GWP Medical will provide a paramedic-led ambulance service from 08:30 – 15:00 on site should there be any medical needs. A defibrillator can be found at the club house.

## **Refereeing**

As with previous year's, matches will be refereed by the first named team in a fixture. As such, it is anticipated that each Club will provide a competent referee for each team entered.