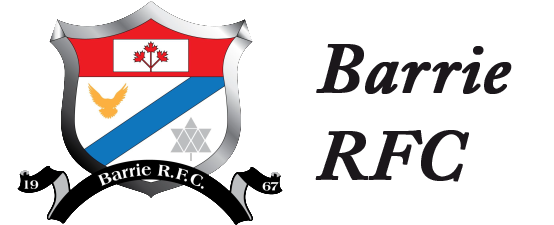
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**Mini Rugby Program**

**AGE GROUPS REGISTRATION FEE (2017) BIRTH YEARS**

Under 6 $185 2011 or later

Under 8 $250 2009 and 2010

Under 10 $250 2007 and 2008

Under 12 $260 2005 and 2006

All teams are co-ed. The U6, U8 and U10 teams all play non-contact flag rugby where tackles are made by pulling a flag attached to the player’s waist. The U12 age group play a graduated contact game.

No prior experience is needed. Kids who have never played before are not at a significant disadvantage and catch up fairly quickly. Our coaches are qualified, dedicated and focused on ensuring each child has a positive rugby experience.

**WHAT DO THE FEES COVER?**

* Approximately $25 paid to Rugby Ontario membership and player insurance
* Approximately $30 paid to Rugby Canada membership and player insurance
* Remainder of fees:
  + Players kit included in first year only: sublimated jersey, shorts, socks
  + Field rental and associated costs (City of Barrie)
  + Team equipment: balls, pinnies, pylons, bags, etc
  + Referees
  + Nominal fee for use of online registration tool

**FIELD PRACTICES**

* Monday and Wednesday, 6:30pm – 8:00pm (1.5 hours per practice)
* The U6, U8, U10 and U12 all practice at Barrie Sports Complex in the same location.
* The Barrie Sports Complex is located close to Midhurst
* Field practices run all through May and June, we break for July and restart practices at the beginning of August through to the final tournament which is the Ontario Provincials in Markham which takes place in late August.

The setting for our practices is a huge attraction for parents. Beautiful fields surrounded by forest. Parents pull up their deck chairs and just sit and relax in the evening sunshine while their kids get a healthy dose of outdoor exercise.

**RUGBY CLINICS**

The Coaches are hoping to book a school gym for the month of April and run coaching clinics to introduce new players to rugby and get returning players warmed up for the upcoming season. There will be an additional cost for this but it will be nominal and just enough to cover the cost of the gym. We will communicate to parents by email as soon as we know if we have been able to secure the gym.

**TOURNAMENTS**

Teams compete in rugby ‘festivals’ throughout the summer on select weekends. Unlike typical sport tournaments, rugby festivals:

* Have 3 games maximum; no playoffs or championship games on top of this
* Take place in the morning (typically 8am – 9am start; 12pm – 1pm finish)
* 7 on 7 format
* Games are 30 minutes in length (15 minute halves, 5 minute halftime)

Participation in the festivals is not mandatory for the players as summer can be a busy time. We do however encourage the kids take part in as many festivals as possible as the live game situations really improves their experience and rugby skills they are learning during the week.

We ask that the parents/guardians email or call their coach before Wednesday’s practice with their availability for that weekend’s festival so that the coach can set his or her roster accordingly. If enough players are attending then we will enter multiple teams to ensure lots of playing time for each player.

U8, U10 & U12 generally attend the same festivals as this promotes a greater sense of club friendship building and for parents of children belonging to 2 or more teams to be with their children on the festival day. The U6’s are not catered for at the majority of tournaments as they are considered a little young to play in live game situations. However, they still play games at practice so don’t miss out on the fun and at the festival we host in Barrie we plan on having a u6 division for the first time.

**2016 RUGBY FESTIVAL SCHEDULE (U8, U10, U12)**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Date** | **Location** | **U8** | **U10** | **U12** |
| May 28 | Burlington | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| June 5 | Markham | No | Yes | Yes |
| June 19 | Toronto | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| June 25 | Hamilton | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| July 9 | Collingwood | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Aug 20 | Guelph | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Aug 27 | Markham | Yes | Yes | Yes |

**2017 Schedule will be similar to the above.**

Carpooling/shared travelling is usually arranged at Wednesday’s practice. We do not need to stay overnight as these are only 1/2 day festivals.

**OUR COACHES**

Under 6 Head Coach – Matt Beavis

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Under 10 Head Coach- Todd Larmon

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Experience & Credentials World Rugby Certified Level 1 Coach

2015 – Barrie RFC U8 Coach

2014 – Barrie RFC U6 Coach

2013 – Barrie RFC U6 Coach

2012 – Barrie RFC U6 Coach

Former Barrie RFC Womens coach

High School Boys Rugby coach 1999-present

Under 12 Head Coach - Andrew Davies

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Experience & Credentials World Rugby Certified Level 1 Coach

Bahamas National Rugby Team Coach

2015/6 – Barrie RFC U10 Coach

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PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT ANY OF THE COACHES DIRECTLY IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, WHATEVER THE MAGNITUDE. THEY ARE THERE TO HELP AND PROVIDE INFORMATION.

**MY CHILD ALREADY DOES BASEBALL/SOCCER/LACROSSE AND ONE NIGHT CONFLICTS.**

If you want to give rugby a go and your child can only make one night of practice a week because there is a conflict with another sport that is absolutely fine. It will not be to their detriment. If you put them in rugby and they really enjoy the game then next year they will want to come both nights and make that decision themselves. Any kid under 14 should be encouraged to try a range of sports and not specialise in one or be limited to a few. All of our coaches and most of our parents have their children in multiple sports to expose them to the various options available. Variety is healthy for the kids and promotes physical literacy that helps them in most activities.

**MY CHILD HAS NEVER PLAYED RUGBY AND IS 9/10/11/12. ARE THEY TOO OLD TO START THE GAME?**

Unfortunately, we live in a world where children are made to feel if they don’t specialise in a particular sport early on then they won’t be able to compete at other sports. The highly technical nature of hockey which dominates the youth sports landscape exacerbates this thought process. The average kid in Canada first plays rugby at age 14 so that is the entry point for most participants in the game. Technically, rugby is a far simpler game to learn. Being able to run is the core skill which of course kids don’t have to learn. If your child likes to run they will learn and adapt quickly.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

* Inclement weather policy: The City of Barrie makes the decision as to whether the fields are playable on each day when weather is poor; parents can call this hotline **705.739-4215** to find out if the rugby practice is cancelled or not.
* No practice or game will occur if active lightening is present, practice will be stopped early if this happens during practice
* Parents can also check ***www. barrierugbyclub.com*** or call their coach
* New flag belts/flags $10-$15 and training balls $15-$20 will be available for purchase (still sourcing costs) at practices in May
* You should probably buy your child a light pair of cleats (soccer cleats are fine). They don’t have to use them but they do help with grip when changing direction at speed.
* At practice then can wear normal t-shirts and shorts, they do not need to wear their rugby kit unless they want to.
* Make sure your child brings cold water to practice, we run alot so they need it.