



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Mid Argyll Rugby Club season 2023/24

Following on from the great attendance & performances we had last season, both at training sessions and at the Dalriada Tournaments, we are looking forward to yet another successful year.

Training for Micro's P1 – P3 & Mini's P4 – P7's begins at 4pm on Tuesday 22nd August 2023 on the rugby pitch at Lochgilphead joint campus. All players should bring their boots with them and any other outdoor training kit they have which **must** include a mouth guard & water bottle at every session.

S1 – S6 Youth rugby girls & boys will also start again on Tuesday 22nd August at the joint campus and again, all players should bring their boots with them and any other outdoor training kit they have which **must** include a mouth guard & water bottle at every session.

As always parents are encouraged to support and get involved by assisting coaches at training and at the events, but all parents and coaches must follow the code of conduct and festival ethos.

Home teams provide post-match food for players & coaches which is donated by the home team's support and organised by the club. You will, from time to time, receive emails or social media messages from the club throughout the year, if you could respond to the messages to confirm whether your child will be attending tournaments and if you can help cater for the home event it would be greatly appreciated. The club will also provide hot food at home events.

The club is working in conjunction with Andrew Johnston, Argyll & Bute's Rugby development officer and Drew Buckley our Women & Girls Community Coach. Mid Argyll Active School co-ordinator David McAlister will also assist with any questions you may have.

If you have any concerns or queries please email, phone or speak to any of the above or other coaches and club officials at training sessions.

Club Membership

The club has been reviewing our policies and responsibilities along with club requirements set out by our governing body the Scottish Rugby Union (SRU). It is a requirement for all clubs that operate under the SRU to have a register of all participants who coach, play and train with the club. We have attached a consent form for you to fill in for each child that attends training. This form asks for details that will be used if we need to contact you during any Mid Argyll Rugby Club activity.

For insurance purposes we are also required to only train and play children who are members of the club. All club members are registered as players with the SRU. You should all have previously received information regarding the SRU SCRUMS registration process. If you haven't registered your child/ren please use this link and follow the instructions, <https://scrums.scottishrugby.org/login#/>

There is an annual fee for being a member and your fee will go towards funding club events, help with travel costs & purchasing new training equipment. If you have more than one child a reduced membership fee is applicable for them & if you have a third child their membership is free. We need the SCRUMS registration done immediately and your membership & consent forms back ASAP.

There will be some club merchandise available this season, please ask one of the coaches for more information.

We will try to do most of our game day communications through the current WhatsApp groups the club uses and some teams use the "Spond" app. Details of this will be given to individual teams, so if you don't hear anything, your team isn't using it.

If your child is trying rugby for the first time don't worry about being a member for the first few weeks, let them try it out to see if they enjoy it, we can register them later.

All consent and membership forms should be filled in and emailed to: brusden87@aol.com

Membership fees should be paid directly into the club's bank account (details below)

Cash can be handed into coaches (with completed forms) but the club would prefer bank transfers if possible.

Mid Argyll Rugby Football Club

Bank Of Scotland, Poltalloch Street, Lochgilphead

Sort Code: 80 22 60

Account No: 23104466 please put your name next to your payment as reference and the year group of your child, so we know it's you. If its more than 1 child, put the oldest one's age group...example "Bloggs P5". If it's a single or associate membership please put your initial and second name...e.g. "J Bloggs".

Club Ambassador Award

Each year, at the end of the season, we award the "Club Ambassador of the Year" award to an individual or group of players that go the extra mile to either, promote the club in a positive way or who do great charity work through out the year. Could you please encourage your player/s to take part and work on their own project over the coming season.

Useful Contact details

Jim Hill – Mid Argyll RFC Coach & Club Chairman – jimhill591975@yahoo.co.uk , 07881 975835

Stuart Charnock – Mid Argyll RFC Coach & Child Protection Officer – stucharnock85@gmail.com , 07867 314851

Andrew Johnson – Argyll & Bute Rugby Development Officer – argyllrugbydevelopment@gmail.com, 07867425973

Drew Buckley – Mid Argyll Women & Girls Community Coach – drewb.WGCC@outlook.com , 07503353852

David McAlister – Mid Argyll Active School Co-ordinator - David.Mcalister@liveargyll.co.uk ,

Lee Buckley - Mid Argyll RFC Coach & Club Secretary – lee431@sky.com - 07483979290

Thanks for your help and we hope to see you at training,

Mid Argyll RFC.