



HUNGERFORD RFC

Minis & Juniors



HUNGERFORD RFC Primary School's Rugby Festival

16th October 2026

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our Primary Schools Tournament on Friday 16th October. Here are some details you might like ahead of day.

As of the weekend prior, each time will play at least six matches across seven rounds (this is subject to change should teams withdraw at late notice or no-show).

Please arrive any time from noon and by registration at 12.30pm, Matches start at 13.00 prompt. We will allocate you a spot for your 'base camp' (please refer to the pitch map) where you can leave coats, etc. We would recommend bringing a small gazebo if you have one. The clubhouse will be open to all during the tournament but please leave valuables in your vehicles/keep them with you. No studded footwear is permitted in the clubhouse. The tournament ends at 15:00 following presentations at which all children will be given a medal.

Our address is The Triangle Field, Priory Lane, Hungerford RG17 0AH

Children should arrive in their PE kits. Gum shields are not required. **Please do bring your own tag belts and mark any practice balls you bring with your school name.** Children should wear football/rugby boots and bring a waterproof top and any water or snacks as necessary.

Parents are welcome to come and watch. Tea and coffee are available in the clubhouse.

SUMMARY OF RULES OF PLAY

- All matches are to be played with rugby's core value TREDs at their heart – Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline and Sportspersonship. Our referees are looking for your support in ensuring games are fair, good-natured and above all enjoyable for all
- Your squad is made up of 10 children. Please rotate the children to ensure all get a break/play time with the following number of players per team permitted:
 - Yr 3/4 – 6
 - Yr 5/6 – 8
- As the Home of Girls' Rugby in West Berkshire, HRFC expect to see a mix of boys and girls playing for each team
- Each match lasts 7 minutes with no half-term; there is a rotation period between matches. Please keep your squads organised and ready to go to avoid delays
- A Try is scored when a player touches the ball to ground over the opposition's try line
- A player can only be active in a game when they have two tags attached

TEAMWORK  RESPECT  ENJOYMENT  DISCIPLINE  SPORTSPERSONSHIP



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- Only the ball carrier can be tagged
- When a player is tagged they must pass the ball within three strides otherwise a turnover will be awarded
- The ball cannot be passed forward
- A game is started or re-started (after a Try) by the team who last conceded, with a free pass from the centre of the pitch
- The opposition must be 7 steps away and cannot move until the pass has been made
- If an offence is committed the game will re-start with a free pass from the place where the offence was committed. This can be no closer than 7 steps from the defending team's try line
- If the ball is passed forward or dropped forward (knock on) a free pass is awarded to the non-offending team
- If the ball is dropped backwards the ball can be picked up and play can continue as normal. Both sides are entitled to pick up the ball
- Once the attacking team has been tagged 7 times a turnover will be awarded (Yr 5/6 only). Unlimited tags are permitted for Yr 3/4
- If the Tagger throws the collected tag to the ground or continues to actively play while holding a tag, a free pass will be awarded to the non-offending side - the tagger must make an attempt to return the tag
- When a player is tagged the defending players must retreat to an on-side position before re-engaging in play
- Players must not dive on a ball on the ground. A try will not be awarded if the player dives with the ball in hand
- Kicking the ball is not permitted

We hope you'll enjoy your afternoon with us and that the rain holds off! If you need any information, please don't hesitate to contact one of the team at HRFC

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All the information can be found on a dedicated page on our website <https://hrfc.short.gy/0pMVwB>
We'd encourage you to print copies of the fixtures lists and other information as necessary.