



JUNIOR SECTION BLANDFORD RFC SPRING NEWSLETTER 2008

www.brfcjuniors.org

Welcome to the BRFC Junior Section Spring Newsletter. Christmas now seems long ago and the end of the season is equally far off. Hopefully the weather will continue to be kind to us and we will not lose any more training or matches to water logged pitches.

There are several items of news since our last letter. Some of you will have already heard through the grapevine that the Junior Section now has its own dedicated website. This site is run for the sole purpose of us and I am hopeful that it will become a useful tool for everyone connected with the section for information on a wide variety of topics. The website can be found at www.brfcjuniors.org. Please visit the site to read all about the section, its policies, forthcoming fixtures, tuck shop rotas and more; The site is still relatively young and is a work in progress, however if you have any ideas for new pages please submit your ideas to the webmaster, whose e-mail address can be found under the contacts page.

It is intended to use the website as a means of communication which will help both parents and coaches in the transmission of information. Details of matches or match/training cancellations together with forthcoming events will appear on the home page, so if you are in any doubt about the status of matches or training please check here. The site will also have match reports written by the coaches or for some age groups their team managers.

Work is well underway in confirming the sections fixtures for the 2008/09 season and we are confident that there will be a full set of fixtures for all age groups. The fixtures list once completed will be published on our website.

Under the club constitution we are required to hold an Annual General Meeting of the section each year; where the committee will provide you with reports on a number of subjects which have been dealt with over the past season. Currently it is proposed to hold this meeting on the last Sunday of the season – **Sunday 27 April**. The venue for this meeting will be at the Clubhouse in town after the fun day. Currently there are vacancies for some committee positions and I am confident that we will have parents who will volunteer to take up these positions. If you would like details of the vacancies please speak to either myself, Joy or your age group coach who will advise you of what is involved. I am looking to develop the role of “Team Managers” for each age group in the 2008/09 season to relieve some of the workload from the coaches which will allow them to spend more of the sessions conducting coaching. If you think you could undertake this role again speak to Joy or myself.

Those of you who are old parents, (please excuse my turn of phrase) will already know the format of the end of season/fun day. For new parents this is a morning of fun and rugby related games for all of the children and parents are encouraged to join in as well so remember to bring along your trainers. The children all enjoy this part of the day. At the end of the session all registered children will receive a medal and within each age group the coaches will have selected players who will receive an award. I know that the coaches are already looking at their age groups to decide who will be the recipients this season. After the presentations we will adjourn to the Clubhouse for the AGM and refreshments.

There are still a number of parents who have yet to check that we have the correct details listed for your child. The Player Data Folder containing your child's details can be found at the Tuck Shop. Please review and sign the appropriate data sheet making any alterations. We are only human and transcribing the information from written to electronic can result in the occasional error. Remember there are certain changes which will require you to submit a new registration form via the club to the RFU. If you are unsure if you need to do this speak to Joy and she will advise you. Most parents have now completed and returned the Medical Information/Photo Permission forms. If you have not completed your forms please complete and return them to either myself or Joy. Electronic forms are available on the website.

Remember that as a club we have been successful in our bid to host a Rugby School during the Summer Holidays. Details of this can be found on our website, under the Announcements page. Details of how to apply are visit the Sociouss website at www.socioussports.co.uk. Or you may be interested in hosting a coach; full details are on their website; this would mean your child would attend for free.

I look forward to seeing you all on Sundays.
Regards

Helen Oliver

Chairperson BRFC Junior Section