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# NEW PLAYER INFORMATION



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Welcome to Garforth Tigers Rugby Club where we hope you have many years of enjoyment playing and watching Rugby League with us.

We have put this welcome pack together to introduce a few names to you and guide you through some of the aspects of our club and how we work.

Our junior teams play in the Yorkshire Junior League whilst our Open Age team play in the Yorkshire Mens League. Our governing body is the RFL.

The committee of the club is as follows:

**Chairman:** Mark Wood

**Secretary:** Joanne Paterson

**Child Welfare Officer:** Andrew Russell

**Treasurer:** Martin Womersley

**Social Secretary:** Lee Brown & Joanne Hicks

Please feel free to bring any concerns or suggestions about the running of the club to the committee. One if not all will be available on training days, or you can get in touch with them through the contacts page on our website; [garforthtigers.com](http://garforthtigers.com).



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## Training

Training is held Tuesday and (for some teams) Thursday nights starting at 6pm and finishing around 7:30pm. We train on the fields at Glebelands in Garforth throughout the summer season. During the colder months, our junior teams train at Garforth Academy on a Friday evening with our Open Age team training at Brigshaw. As a guide the winter training roughly mirrors the clocks changing.

However if the weather is fine training may be taken outdoors on Glebelands. The team manager will let you know of any changes. During the summer months we tend to keep training going even though there are no games during the summer holidays. We also play gala's during the break.

## Child Protection

**ALL** people who come in regular contact with your child in a club position such as Coach, Assistant Coach, First Aider etc. have been cleared for the role and have been DBS checked and all actions will be taken to ensure they are safe. Any concerns over child welfare should be immediately brought to the attention of the Child Welfare Officer Andrew Russell on 07801271952.

## Playing Kit & Equipment

**Boots:** The studs or blades that come as standard will be sufficient as RL is now played in the summer. Long studs are not designed to be used in summer conditions and can lead to injuries. It is the duty of players and officials to ensure that all equipment is safe. Players must check their boots regularly to check that no sharp edges have developed. Match Officials should always check equipment and should look in particular for sharp edges. The "Laws of the Game" states "a player shall not wear anything that might prove dangerous to other players."

**Headguards:** The RFL consults with a variety of international experts on sports related injuries. The overwhelming view from international experts in sports-related head injury is that soft helmets do not prevent brain injury (as opposed to superficial head injury).

In addition due to the phenomenon of "risk compensation" there is a risk that encouraging helmet use in children and adolescents may paradoxically increase the head injury rates. Because of this medical consensus, the RFL does not support the mandatory wearing of protective head guards in Rugby League.

**Mouthguards:** It is strongly recommended that players wear a mouthguard when playing or taking part in contact training sessions. It is also recommended that players wear a custom mouthguard which has been made by a dentist, rather than a generic mouthguard or the "boil and bite" variety.

In addition, you can buy body armour which tends to give children a bit of extra confidence when tackling and in contact. This is not a club requirement and is only needed if you feel your child would benefit. Good brands are Optimum, Canterbury and Gilbert. Rugby gloves are NOT recommended.

## Communication

We have a Facebook group which we encourage you to join called 'Garforth Tigers Message Board'.

You can follow Garforth Tigers on Twitter: @garforthtigers\_ or 'like' us on Facebook: facebook.com/GarforthTigersArIfc

Our website is garforthtigers.com.

You can also find up to date fixture information on yorkshirejuniorsarl.co.uk or yorkshirerl.co.uk for the open age team.

Games and training times will be communicated via text by the team secretary. The team secretary will make themselves known to you and will in all likely hood be the person who gave you this booklet.

The club will also contact you via email about payments and upcoming social events.

## Club Meeting

We hold these in The Podger, generally on a Monday evening. Details of the meetings are published on the Facebook message board and on the notice board in the changing rooms. The meetings are open and all members are encouraged to attend and put forward their views.

## Fees

Up to the first 3 training sessions are free. A registration fee of £40 for Under 12's and upwards and £20 for Under 7's to Under 11's is payable. Subs are £10 per calendar month, taken by direct debit. This and the shop income cover the clubs structural costs e.g. insurance, league fees, pitch and changing rooms hire and training equipment etc.

## Kits

Kits are replaced bi-annually. We would love any suggestions of prospective sponsors or fundraising idea's. Teams are generally encouraged to be as proactive as possible. All help in facilitating the smooth running the club is very welcome.



## Age groups

For our youth and junior teams please see the table below for which age group your child would fall into for the 2017 season.

**\*\*Please be aware that we don't have teams in every age group\*\***

<u>Year 1 &amp; 2 can play U7s but in U8s players are only eligible to play from their 6<sup>th</sup> birthday only</u>				
AGE GROUP	SCHOOL YEAR	FROM	TO	EXTRA YEAR
UNDER 7s	1/2	1 <sup>st</sup> Sept 2009	31 <sup>st</sup> Aug 2010	From year 1 ONLY
UNDER 8s	3	1 <sup>st</sup> Sept 2008	31 <sup>st</sup> Aug 2009	From 6th Birthday
UNDER 9s	4	1 <sup>st</sup> Sept 2007	31 <sup>st</sup> Aug 2008	31 <sup>st</sup> Aug 2009
UNDER 10s	5	1 <sup>st</sup> Sept 2006	31 <sup>st</sup> Aug 2007	31 <sup>st</sup> Aug 2008
UNDER 11s	6	1 <sup>st</sup> Sept 2005	31 <sup>st</sup> Aug 2006	31 <sup>st</sup> Aug 2007
UNDER 12s	7	1 <sup>st</sup> Sept 2004	31 <sup>st</sup> Aug 2005	31 <sup>st</sup> Aug 2006
UNDER 13s	8	1 <sup>st</sup> Sept 2003	31 <sup>st</sup> Aug 2004	31 <sup>st</sup> Aug 2005
UNDER 14s	9	1 <sup>st</sup> Sept 2002	31 <sup>st</sup> Aug 2003	31 <sup>st</sup> Aug 2004
UNDER 15s	10	1 <sup>st</sup> Sept 2001	31 <sup>st</sup> Aug 2002	31 <sup>st</sup> Aug 2003
UNDER 16s	11	1 <sup>st</sup> Sept 2000	31 <sup>st</sup> Aug 2001	31 <sup>st</sup> Aug 2002
UNDER 17s	12	1 <sup>st</sup> Sept 1999	31 <sup>st</sup> Aug 2000	31 <sup>st</sup> Aug 2001
UNDER 18s	13	1 <sup>st</sup> Sept 1998	31 <sup>st</sup> Aug 1999	31 <sup>st</sup> Aug 2000

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## **Other useful information**

In addition to membership and shop income we also arrange fundraisers. The whole of this income goes towards funding the social side of the club.

We hold an annual Gala each year, the date will be published on the Facebook group. This is by far our biggest fundraising event .

We hold several other smaller team and club socials and fundraisers. Any income generated is allocated on a pro-rata basis. i.e. by tickets sold or similar method. This allows for larger teams to benefit in line with their numbers and to encourage the majority to support our events.

You as a team decide how your funds are spent. As an example we have taken them paintballing, to theme parks and on weekend residential. Team bonding activities are an important part of fostering a strong group of not only players but friends on and off the field.

Players are recognised every year in an end of season presentation day/night. More information will be available nearer the time.

All junior Garforth Tigers players have the opportunity to play at half time at Headingley. We also have links with Castleford and they can take part in England player pathway training from U13 age group.

Club membership also gives you access to deeply reduced tickets for major rugby league events. e.g. Challenge Cup Final, Magic Weekend.

Recruitment is also a vital aspect of a healthy club. We encourage players to bring friends or siblings along to try the game out. It's free for them to attend training and try the game out for the first few weeks, but they have to sign on to play.

## **Club policies**

The safety and wellbeing of all our players is of the upmost importance to the club. Please take a moment to read through the club policies on the next few pages and ensure that your child understands them. All the club & RFL rules and policies can be found on our website at [www.garforthtigers.com](http://www.garforthtigers.com).

## **Registering to play**

In addition to the RFL registration form which you'll be given, there's some forms enclosed within this pack that you'll need to complete and return. We'll also need a copy of your/your child's birth certificate and 2 passport photo's.



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