



# Mini Rugby Festival 2023

Information & Registration Pack



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On behalf of Seapoint Rugby Club we have great pleasure in inviting you to participate in the Seapoint R.C. Mini Rugby Festival, which will take place at club grounds on Sunday 23rd April 2023.

Games will be held for

- BOYS Mini-Rugby U-10, U-11 and U-12 age groups
- GIRLS Mini-Rugby U-10 and U-12 age groups

Over the last 40+ years the Seapoint Rugby Club Mini Rugby Festival has grown in stature and is now the premier mini festival of its kind in Ireland. Demand is always high and we encourage early registration to avoid disappointment. This year we again invite the Girls U-10 and U-12 age grades to participate in their own rugby festival on the day. The festival promises to be a wonderful event and a great way to end the season.

The event last year was the biggest we have ever held with over 2,000 players across 130 teams, and from over 45 clubs participating. We hope to surpass that number for 2023 so please ensure you register early to avoid disappointment.

To allow timely arrival and departure times it is essential that the festival begins promptly at the scheduled times. Participants will be advised in advance of the festival the registration times for each age group on the day. We ask that you do not arrive later than the scheduled registration time (which may be as early as 9.00 am). The draw will then be made and the schedule will be distributed to the relevant coaches. Competitors who arrive later than the scheduled registration times may end up not being allowed to participate in the festival.

The entry fee schedule is set out below;

### **Boys Mini Rugby**

- €100 per team (includes player medals and discount vouchers for BBQ)

### **Girls Mini Rugby**

- €100 per team (includes player medals and discount vouchers for BBQ)

The registration form is to be completed by the youth coordinator of each participating club. All entries must be received no later than Friday, 7th April 2023 together with the appropriate payment (EFT or Cheque). Please note that because of the popularity of the event, parking is normally scarce at the club. We would encourage as many players & parents as possible to car pool to make this issue easier to deal with on the day. We are delighted to have the support again from our major sponsors Kingspan, Fitzpatrick's Castle Hotel and The Irish Daily Mail, amongst others.

We look forward to welcoming you to Seapoint and thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

Tim Kelly

*Seapoint Rugby Club*

## General Guidelines

The primary objective of this festival of rugby centres on the inclusion and enjoyment of every single playing participant regardless of playing ability or size. Every action and attitude of each official, coach, referee, supporter, parent and player is expected to support this objective first and foremost.

Rules of play as per IRFU mini rugby apply to this festival. Some exceptions may take place on the day to cater for team numbers and so on. All nominated referees should be familiar with these rules.

The quality of refereeing and safety of players is paramount. We can only allow teams to participate if they nominate a qualified referee, in advance of the tournament starting.

Teams should be graded to ensure the safety and participation of all players regardless of ability. In the case of teams being mismatched in terms of ability it is the coaches, referees and pitch co-ordinators collective responsibility to ensure action is taken to ensure that the contest is evened up, we have no interest in teams being defeated by significant scores. Once a team goes 3 or 4 tries ahead, the coaches need to intervene to ensure the remainder of the match is more evenly balanced. The same regulation will apply to physical mismatch. If teams are considered to be overly aggressive or significantly bigger than the opposing side we will intervene and ensure as level a playing pitch as possible for all teams participating.

Supporters and parents are expected to maintain the same standards of conduct and sportsmanship as the players and coaches. Where required a coach may be asked to ensure supporters conduct themselves with the decorum befitting what is designed to be an enjoyable occasion for the players.

The duration of the games will be set out on the day based on the number of teams playing in each age group. This will be set to ensure that no team plays more than 70 minutes of rugby as per the IRFU rules. Each team should get to play three 20 or four 15 minute matches.

The rugby festival requires a huge amount of organization and effort by a group of people who are all volunteers. It is also made possible by the cooperation of the local soccer and Gaelic football clubs who kindly allow the use of their pitches without which it would not be possible to cater for so many teams. Please ensure that all litter and rubbish is placed in the bins provided to make it as easy as possible to clean up after the event.

For the past number of years DLRCC kindly gave us the use of a large area of Kilbogget Park which is adjacent to Seapoint Rugby Club for the purpose of parking. This facility is dependent on the weather, if the day is wet then we may not have this facility available to us. Parking therefore could be limited so people are advised to carpool where possible. The area outside the club on church view road has double yellow lines and we hope to have the local Garda in attendance to coordinate traffic.

In anticipation of a bigger event this year we hope to provide additional recreational and fun activities which we will communicate closer to the time. For 2023 there will be no restriction on the number of teams a club may enter at each age grade, we welcome all!



## Competitors Registration

### Registration Conditions

We confirm that \_\_\_\_\_  
would be pleased to participate in the Seapoint Rugby Club International Mini Rugby Festival on  
23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023.

We accept that this completed form together with a cheque for the appropriate registration fee  
must be returned no later than 7th April 2023 to guarantee participation.

We agree to arrive promptly for the scheduled registration time on the day of the tournament  
(which may be as early as 9.00 am) and accept that late arrive might result in our non-participation.

We understand that the primary objective of this festival of rugby centres on the inclusion and  
enjoyment of every single playing participant regardless of ability or size and we agree to ensure  
our conduct as coaches and our supporters on the day supports this objective.

We understand that **teams will be graded in the interests of player safety**, and to ensure full player  
participation and enjoyment.

**We agree to provide one mini qualified referee for each team entered into the competition.**

This referee will have to be nominated to the competition age-coordinator as part of the  
registration process on the morning of the Festival. It is imperative that clubs accept this stipulation and  
provide details as required to ensure participation on the day.

We understand that because of the popularity of the event, and the number of teams involved that  
start times for the different age group competitions may be staggered on the day. (Seapoint will  
communicate start and estimated end times closer to the event on the basis of participating  
numbers)

We agree to the condition that in the event of a no-show or a late withdrawal (**after midnight  
Sunday 9th April**) we will not receive a refund. (Catering, Event Management and Festival  
mementos all pre-arranged).

We enclose a cheque (payable to Seapoint Rugby Club) or evidence of EFT directly to Seapoint to  
value of €\_\_\_\_\_

Seapoint Banking Details.

IBAN : IE55BOFI90111610170847

BIC : BOFIE2D

Account : Seapoint RFC Number 1



## Competitors Registration

### Registration Entry Details

Number of teams entered:

Squad	# Teams	Amount
Under 10 Boys (12 per squad)		
Under 11 Boys (14 per squad)		
Under 12 Boys (14 per squad)		
Under 10 Girls (12 per squad)		
Under 12 Girls (14 per squad)		

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

On behalf of: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide details of at least one person traveling and contactable on the day:

Name 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile No: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please complete and return directly to:**

**TIM KELLY (BLITZ)  
SEAPOINT RUGBY CLUB  
CHURCHVIEW ROAD  
KILLINEY  
CO. DUBLIN  
IRELAND**

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