

Seapoint Rugby Club



EVENT MANAGEMENT PLAN

PLEASE FORWARD TO ALL AGE GRADE COACHES ATTENDING THE BLITZ

SUMMARY OF FESTIVAL

The **43rd Annual Blitz** takes place in our club grounds, Seapoint Rugby Club, Churchview Road Killiney on Sunday 27th April 2025, from 09:30 until circa 15:00. The event has the full support and endorsement of the Leinster Rugby Branch and the IRFU. The purpose of the event is to provide clubs from across the country with an opportunity to take part in a non-competitive mini blitz, in a safe environment. The event is open to all players registered for their respective clubs who are in the under 10, under 11 and under 12 age grades.

Blitz Co-Ordinators	Tim Kelly – 087 237 1010 Barry Chadwick – 087 798 8166 Email: blitz@seapointrugby.com
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Blitz 2025 – Event Plan

Updated Registration, Coach Briefings, Kick-Off, and Finish times – AS FOLLOWS

Registration & Information	Coaches must register between the times allotted. We ask you send 1 coach to the registration/information tent as quickly as possible. Information desk, clearly signposted will be manned throughout the event for lost property, people, and transport liaison. Under 10 Boys and Girls between 09:30 – 10:00 Under 11 Boys between 10:00 – 10:30 Under 12 Boys and Girls between 10:30-11:00 Please do NOT register outside the times above.
Coaches Briefings	All age grade coaches MUST attend their briefing, in the clubhouse at the following times: Under 10 Boys and Girls - 10:10am Under 11 Boys – 10:40am Under 12 Boys and Girls – 11:10am We ask you to respect the age grade co-ordinator and clarify any rule or timing if unsure.
Kick – Off	There are pitch co-ordinator(s) allocated to every pitch/match. Your match must start/stop on time (barring injury) to ensure the comprehensive programme completes on time. The first games will kick off @ times below. Note you may NOT be drawn within the first match however you must be pitch-side / or close to in the event of schedule change. Under 10 Boys and Girls - from 10:30am Under 11 Boys – from 11:00am Under 12 Boys and Girls – from 11:30am
Finish Times	Subject to all teams concluding their matches on schedule (injuries or delayed kick-offs may have an impact) the festival should finish at the following times. U10s – End circa 13:30 U11s – End circa 14:30 U12s – End circa 15:00

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TOUR BUS AND CAR PARKING – NOTE IMPORTANT CHANGES

Car Parking in club grounds for tour-bus and disabled persons.	The club carpark is exclusively for event team and emergency access. Tour Buses should offload players and kit at the main gates, supervised by Gardai and Volunteers. Drivers should move to the alternative parking facility at Cherrywood Business Park, which will be manned by Seapoint volunteers. We will liaise with team coaches and bus drivers to arrange suitable timings for buses to return to the club car park and pick up your teams. We will also provide a courtesy shuttle for drivers if they wish to return to the club grounds during the blitz (less than 10minute transfer) Please ask your drivers to respect the parking attendants, their job is to get you in and out quickly and safely. Gardai will also be in attendance to keep traffic moving. Note – please ensure all players/adults and match/event is offloaded quickly to avoid delay. We do expect significant traffic disruption so please play your part to minimise.
Public Car Parking	We have a huge volume of people travelling, we please ask you to car-pool or take public transport where possible. Our normal parking facilities within Kilbogget Park are not available this year. We have arranged alternative parking facilities (limited spaces) and will share locations, on a first come first served basis to clubs, prior to the event. We expect these carparks to fill quickly and for those who choose to park elsewhere we ask that you respect residents and businesses and park safely, without blocking driveways. All official carparks will be manned by Seapoint volunteers, please respect their guidance. Please do not attempt to access or drop children off at the club car park, this is reserved for event team, emergency services and disabled parking. Gardai will be in attendance to keep traffic moving.
Club Welfare	Seapoint Club Welfare Officers will be present during the event and can be contacted through the Blitz Information Centre, which will be clearly signposted at the main event space. We remind all clubs to abide to the IRFU code of conduct. The IRFU will be attending in a support capacity to promote safer rugby for all, please be available if required to discuss any element of the sport to improve the overall player, club and community experience.

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Communications	Seapoint pitch co-ordinators will have direct contact with Age Co-Ordinators and Blitz Organisers who will be issued with event radios and contact list enabling them to be made aware, deal quickly and effectively with issues, should the need arise. We have the mobile phone numbers for coaches of all participating teams and will contact you by phone, if needed. Announcements will be made over the public address system
Directions	Take exit 16 off the M50 if coming that way. Go through 8 sets of traffics lights (all within a short distance) and turn left at 9th. Go past Tesco and you will see club grounds on your left. Find Killiney Shopping Centre / Graduate Pub if coming from Blackrock/Dun Laoghaire. Take exit off roundabout towards Shankill and turn right, at lights onto Church Road. Past the church and 500mtrs further down on your right will be the club grounds.
First Aid	St John Ambulance will provide first aid cover with a first aid tent on site, please however bring bump and bruise kits, as normal. Emergency routes will be kept clear of obstructions. The Event Safety Team will be carrying out inspections throughout the event to ensure emergency routes are kept clear. We ask that all players wear gum-shields. We operate a no gumshield no play policy. A small number of gum-shields will be available in the clubhouse, if required.
Food and Drink	BBQs, Hot and Cold drinks, Ice Cream, and other treats will be available around the grounds and in the clubhouse, from early. Burgers priced @ €6, contactless payment is preferred however we also take cash! Please note we will not be providing plastic bottles of water, instead, we have engaged the services of refill.ie who will provide free water refill stations at the event. Please ensure your club/players bring their own water bottles.
An Garda Siochana	Gardai will be in attendance for site and traffic management, please respect the temporary arrangements in place.
Grading	Please remember teams are not to be graded. We will ask coaches to rotate players should the score line be completely one sided. Pitch Co-Ordinators will also ensure fair play.

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Lost & Found	We will retain any items found on club grounds for one week following the event, after which they will be disposed of. We do have an onsite public address system and information tent so lost and found items (incl. children!) can be broadcast or collected from there.
Matches and Draws	All teams should have 4 matches. We must remain within IRFU regulations re playing times and that we cannot have finals, all team must be winners on the day (that is why everyone gets a medal for participating!) Please do not ask for the draws until you register - we will have last minute cancellations which result in redraw and multiple print runs. We will run the draws on Saturday night and give to you upon registration.
Post Blitz	You are welcome to enjoy club facilities before, during and after the event. Please bin or take any rubbish with you and ensure you leave the car parks safely and with all charges and belongings in tow.
Referees	You need to provide a referee / whistle. PLEASE RESPECT ALL REFEREES, we operate a zero-tolerance policy. NOTE: THIS IS NOT THE SIX NATIONS If any team is deemed not to be playing within the spirit of the game i.e., over-physical, one-sided score or on/off pitch behaviour by players or supporters the game will be stopped, and result given to opposing team.
Toilets and Rubbish	There are toilet facilities in the clubhouse, supplemented by portaloos around the grounds and adjacent to the clubhouse. All facilities will be maintained by cleaning crew who will complete a full clean-up of the festival site; all litter will be removed and taken to an approved facility. There will also be rubbish bins, provided by Panda Waste around the area, please take your rubbish to these bins.
Volunteers	All Seapoint volunteers will be wearing distinctive polo shirts, please feel free to address any questions or queries to our volunteer army.
Weather	Who knows quite how the weather gods will behave, please ensure you and your young gladiators bring warm clothes, just in case. We also highly recommend you bring a gazebo or "fortress" where you can put your gear bags and have a go to point if needed. There are very limited shelter areas in Kilbogget Park so please be aware of this.

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