



OLD COVENTRIANS JUNIOR SECTION COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER

Edition 2
February 2012

Following the meeting of the Junior Committee Meeting on 1 February 2012, the Committee would like to update coaches and volunteers about the following items:

Junior Whistler Scheme

As you may recall, following the very successful Junior Whistler course at the club, we now have access to junior referees for matches for U16s and below. Please contact Steve Davies and he will do all he can to arrange a referee for you (email davies@9roman.freeserve.co.uk, telephone number 02476 416709).

Disciplinary Issues - Update

We are all aware of the importance of re-enforcing good behaviour and discipline on the pitch.

Going forward from 1 January, we will be encouraging and enforcing

- OC's referees and coaches to exercise their discretion to remove players during competitive matches if individual discipline is likely to lead to players receiving a yellow or red card during the match
- Coaches from under 12 to colts, to report players who have received yellow cards in competitive matches to the junior chair.
- A disciplinary hearing for any player receiving 3 yellow cards in a season, where those yellow cards are for disciplinary reasons, as opposed to technical reasons
- Cancelling the next home fixture for any team receiving 5 yellow cards in a season
- RFU disciplinary requirements for all other disciplinary matters (red cards, match abandonment)
- We count on your co-operation to ensure that the club is a safe environment in which to play rugby and where our players learn the best on field behaviours.

Recommencement of Mid Week Training for Minis

Wednesday training can recommence from 15 February. Coaches will be in touch regarding arrangements for U12s and below.

Volunteers for Car Park Marshalling at Home Games

The club could do with one volunteer/parent per age group to help out with car park marshalling for all home games. Please let Emma Over know if you're interested.

Charity Quiz Night

24 February 2012 – for the whole club – tickets now available from behind the bar. £5 per team – up to 6 people per team – adults and children aged 14 and over welcome Food will be available. Anticipated to be a good night!

Club Survey

During February, an on line survey will be made available to all club members in order to obtain feedback on a wide range of aspects about the club. As many people as possible will be encouraged to participate in the survey in order that good quality analysis can take place and the appropriate committees can then agree forwarding thinking year plans for the whole club.

Tour Risk Assessments

Minis and Juniors are reminded of their requirement to complete a risk assessment before going on tour. A sample risk assessment will be made available on the club website and will also be available from Emma Over. Please ensure completed risk assessments, for your age group, are forwarded to Emma Over, 3 weeks before you go on tour.

CPD Session – Tuesday 21 February 2012

Reminder - "Back Play From Set Piece" CPD session at OCs on Tuesday 21 February 2012 from 7-9 pm. This is open to all Coaches at Level 1 and above, and is being delivered by the Warwickshire RFU Coaching Dept. The course cost is £15.50 which the club will fund - however we must supply a minimum of 12 Coaches for it to be viable. Please complete an application form (available from Neil Sheepy) and forward to Jane Waterhouse or Neil by no later than Sunday 5 February.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Rich Clarke and Paddy Grant who have just passed their Level 1 Coaching qualification.

***Finally and most importantly
Thank you for all your on-going support and commitment to the club.***