

## League Rules and Information

### General information

- . This year's **MEDWAY" touch" RUGBY CLUB** League will start on 2<sup>nd</sup> June - 21st July 2010.
- . The competition is open to male and female players
- . The cost will be £20 for club members, £30 for non-members. (18 to 99 years of age)
- . £12.00 for club members 13 to 17 years of age and £20 for non-members 13 to 17 years of age.
- . Fee for non-members covers the period from 12<sup>th</sup> May to 6<sup>th</sup> October 2010.
- . Membership meaning members of Medway Rugby Club.

### Attire

- Teams must wear red/yellow **MEDWAY" touch" RUGBY CLUB** Tee Shirts during play.
- Teams can choose to wear their own kit prior to agreement from the **MEDWAY" touch" RUGBY** committee.
- Should permission be given all players must be wearing the same colour and numbers are clearly marked on the back.
- . Trainers or moulded studs are required. No metal or plastic studs are permitted
- . No jewellery or watches etc. may be worn during matches.

### Match Structure

- . Matches will be played where possible under normal ETA rules.
- . Matches will be 15/20 minutes long. (This will depend on the amount of teams that enter the Pro & Semi Pro Leagues)
- . Games will be played on half a normal Rugby pitch.
- . Teams must be ready and present themselves to the organisers 5 minutes before their games  
Scheduled start time
- . If a Team fails to show by their scheduled start time they will be given 5 minutes and then  
Shall forfeit the game.
- . Each game will be run by a referee,
- . Teams can be organised by players themselves, if you wish to organise your own team you  
Need to give the officials names of players included, and a team name ASAP.
- . All other players will be organised into teams by the officials by the start of the league fixtures. Teams will be  
Advertised on the Medway RFC website.
- . Each team needs to think of and inform the officials of a team name. This name needs to be  
Concise and clean. No offensive or rude names will be accepted.
- . Teams must be at least 7 players. (i.e. 6 on field and one sub) and a maximum of 14 (i.e. 6 on  
Field and 8 off)
- . Each Team must decide upon and put forward a Captain, who is responsible for ensuring their  
Squad is organised and arrives on time for fixtures. They are also responsible for all on field  
Actions.
- . Each Team must provide one referee to be able to referee games whilst his or her Team is not  
Playing if possible .
- . Teams are responsible for their actions, both on and off the field. Referee and Officials  
Decisions are final.
- . Should players argue or question officials then penalties will be awarded immediately,  
The ball will be turned over and players may be sin binned.

### League scoring system

The team who scores the most touchdowns during the game is declared the winner.

Should the scores be level at the end of play a draw will be declared. There will be no extra time

Win = 3 points

Draw = 2 points

Play = 1 point

Should teams be level on points then position in the league table will be decided by number of Touch downs scored.

Should teams still be level then the difference between Touch downs scored and conceded will be used to Allocate positions.

Should teams still be level then results between the two teams will be used to allocate positions. Fair play points awarded by the referee.

Referees will mark out of 10 per game to the team that they feel has shown the most Fair play and played within the spirit of the game. These points will go to the fair play award.

Teams that finished 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> will go in to the play offs to decide the league overall winners

### Match Scoring

One point is to be awarded for every Touch Down scored. Two points awarded for every Touch Down scored by a female player

### Match etiquette

The MEDWAY touch RUGBY League is to be played within the spirit of Touch Rugby and as such a Friendly and fun atmosphere is expected at all times.

Referees decisions are final – regardless of situation or outcome

There will be no swearing during matches. Excessive language will result in a turn over of the ball Or a penalty.

Players who infringe consistently, act in a dangerous manner or behave in a un sporting way will be subject to a 2 minute "sin bin".

Players previously sin binned who are subsequently sin binned again will be sent off for the remainder of the game and will be banned for the next week's fixtures.

Players will encourage their team mates at all time, criticism of mistakes will be viewed as Unsporting behaviour and players will be penalised.

Other than the "touch" there will be no physical contact whatsoever.

Any shoulder barging, grabbing or pulling will be penalised and the player may be sin binned should the referee deem it A suitably aggressive offence.

### Other important things

· As new players join throughout the season they will be placed in with a pre existing Team.

These players are going to receive a basic introduction from one of the coaches.

However it is the team's responsibility to make the new player welcome and involved in The games as quickly as possible.

**MEDWAY" touch" RUGBY CLUB** League set up

The MEDWAY touch RUGBY League will compose of two divisions

The Pro and Semi Pro League.

No one under the age of 13 and under can play in The Pro & Semi Pro Leagues.

No single sex teams will be permitted to play in The Semi Pro League

No Team in The Semi Pro League can have more than five 13 and over male players in it.

All rules and laws are subject to change. Notice will be given via the Medway RFC Website.