

League Rules & Information

General information

- This year's **MEDWAY" touch" RUGBY CLUB** League will start on 1st June - 27th July 2011.
- The competition is open to both male and female players.
- The cost will be £20 for Youth Players & £30 for Senior Players. (18 to 99 years of age)

Attire

- Teams must wear Red/Blue **MEDWAY" touch" RUGBY CLUB** T-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 kit.
- 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 20 minutes long. (This will depend on the amount of teams that enter)
- 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,
- Any players not in a team will be placed into teams by the officials by the start of the league fixtures.
- Teams must be at least 6 players and a maximum of 14 (i.e. 6 on Field and 8 off) This may be increased for social teams.
- 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.
- 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.
- Any team found to be fielding an unregistered or illegal player (i.e. not registered with their team) will be penalised. It is the captain's duty to ensure this does not happen.

League scoring system

-The team who scores the most tries 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 Tries scored.

-Should teams still be level then the difference between Tries 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.

Match Scoring

-One point is to be awarded for every Try scored. Two points awarded for every Try scored by a female or social 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 turnover of the ball or a penalty.

-Players who infringe consistently, act in a dangerous manner or behave in an unsporting 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 could 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.

-As new players join throughout the season they will be placed with a pre existing team. (Fees to be confirmed by the ‘touch committee’)

Format

Weeks 1 to 8 will run in normal league format. Week 9 will consist of a playoff between the top four teams and the bottom half of the table to decide their final league positions and bragging rights. See fixtures for more info.

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