

Schools Touch Rugby Event Maidenhead Rugby Club

Friday 12th May 2023



- The England Touch Association (ETA) in partnership with the Independent Schools Association (ISA) would like to welcome you to the inaugural Schools Touch Rugby Event at Maidenhead Rugby Club for all schools to take part (independent and state) in the following divisions:
- U11s Mixed (Years 5 & 6)
- U13s Boys, Girls & Mixed (Years 7 & 8)
- U15s Boys, Girls & Mixed (years 9 & 10)
- This will be one of the biggest Schools Touch Rugby Events to take place in England and we hope you enjoy the experience and the ETA & ISA welcome feedback from teachers and students alike during and/or after the event.

- Date: Friday 12th May 2023
- Timings:
 - 10:00 Registration at Pitch 2 (teachers to register teams on arrival, collect fixtures and confirm if any children do not consent to photos or give any other important info)
 - 10:30 Games or Skills Development Sessions Start
 - 14:00 Finals start for each division on Pitch 1 (approximate timing)
 - 15:00 Event Ends
- Location:
 - Maidenhead Rugby Club, Braywick Park, Braywick Road, Maidenhead, Berkshire, SL6 1BN
- Parking:
 - Coaches may park in the top gravel car park for free (next to the Skills Development Area)
 - Mini Buses & Cars bringing participants may park in the permit holders cap parks either side of the clubhouse (EMAIL SAMMIE TO CONFIRM NUMBER OF PERMITS REQUIRED ASAP)
 - Parents/Guardians/Spectators must park in the paid car parks (use Ringo or pay by card)

• Attire:

- Footwear plastic moulded boots (non-metal) needed for the 3G pitch (all teams in the finals will play on the 3G)
- We have spare boots so children can borrow these if they do not have their own
- All children to bring trainers/astro boots in case the ground is hard (or we do not have enough moulded boots in each size)
- Normal PE kits with waterproof layers in the event of rain (if PE tops / bibs have numbers this would be better but it is not essential) and/or hats/suncream in the event of sunshine.

• Facilities:

- Maidenhead RFC clubhouse, undercover stand and changing/toilet facilities*
- Athletics Pavilion in Braywick Park changing/toilet facilities*
- 1 x artificial grass 3G pitch (Pitch 1)
- 3 x grass pitches (Pitches 2, 4 and 5)
- Skills Development Area (grass)
- *adult male, female and inclusive (single occupancy) and child male, female and inclusive (single occupancy) facilities will be clearly signposted.
- Food & Drink
 - Maidenhead RFC Clubhouse will be open throughout the event serving a variety of hot and cold beverages and snacks for participants/spectators (card/contactless payments)
 - We recommend that children bring their own packed lunches, lots of snacks (nut-free) and refillable water bottles

- Spectators:
 - Parents/Guardians may spectate at the event but must not enter within 5 metres of the playing areas (and must stand around the main 3G pitch and not in the stands, as this is reserved for schools).
 - Braywick Park does allow dog-walking but all dogs must be on leads and remain off the playing areas.
- Safeguarding:
 - If you have any safeguarding concerns, please report them immediately to Tournament Control.
 - Teachers are responsible for children under their care at all times and must have access to next of kin emergency contact details and details of any medical or other conditions.
 - Event Safeguarding Lead: Sammie Phillips <u>sammie.phillips@englandtouch.org.uk</u> / 07766 525 938
 - ETA Safeguarding Lead: Jo Hutton <u>safeguarding@englandtouch.org.uk</u>
- Medical:
 - Medical support covering all pitches plus a number of qualified first aider coaches and referees.
 - Please note teachers are responsible for bringing and administering any medication children with medical needs may require.
- Gazebos:
 - We will supply a number of gazebos but if schools have their own, please bring these and tournament control will confirm where they can be situated.

London Irish:

• We are delighted that Coaches from the Community Team at London Irish will be supporting the event and running some of the Skills Development Areas.

• Sustainability:

- The ETA & ISA are looking to improve the environmental sustainability of the event and we need everyone across the event to be aware of the following area:
- Travel please optimise sharing transport wherever possible for both teachers, students and groups of parents/spectators
- Waste & Recycling please avoid single use plastic bottles and instead bring reusable water bottles, which can be refilled to the side of the stand next to the 3G artificial pitch. The clubhouse will be open serving hot drinks so please bring re-usable hot drink mugs too.

FORMAT & FIXTURES

U11s Division:

10:00 - Registration by 3G Pitch 1

10:30 - Skills Development Sessions with Coaches leading into Games

14:00 - Final Games & Prize Presentations

15:00 - Event Ends

U13s Division:

- 10:00 Registration by Grass Pitch 2
- 10:30 Skills Development & Games (Pitch tbc but it will be one of the grass pitches)
- 14:00 Final Games & Prize Presentations (Pitch 1)

15:00 - Event Ends

U15s Division:

- 10:00 Registration by Grass Pitch 2
- 10:30 Skills Development & Games (Pitch tbc but it will be one of the grass pitches)
- 14:00 Final Games & Prize Presentations (Pitch 1)
- 15:00 Event Ends

Mixed Team Ratios: mixed teams are expected to field 3 boys and 3 girls on the pitch at all times.

Game Duration: to be confirmed via Fixtures Sheet to be collected upon Registration (to allow for any changes).

Rules: School Festival Rules - see rule document and instructional YouTube video accessible via QR code on the document.

Prizes: 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes in all divisions, as well as Most Valuable Player (MVP) prizes for children displaying excellent interpersonal skills.

England Touch - High Performance Pathways

<u>Skills Development</u>

- We are delighted to confirm that England Touch National Squad Coaches & Athletes will be in attendance at this event to coach the children through various skills development zones.
- The Coach & Athletes will also be awarding team and individual prizes at the end of the day and will also be available to sign autographs if requested.

<u>Regional Talent Identification</u>

- We have National and Regional Coaches in attendance throughout the day, who will be undergoing talent identification of children for performance pathways.
- If teachers/students would like to find out more about how to play, they can click on the following links:
 - Club Finder: <u>https://www.englandtouch.org.uk/play/</u> <u>where-to-play/</u>
 - Regional Map: https://www.englandtouch.org.uk/play/ where-to-play/map-and-contacts/

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