

**Guildfordians RFC Minis Festival 29 September 2024**

**Stoke Park, Guildford. Guildford**[**GU1 1TU**](https://www.google.co.uk/maps/dir/Guildfordians%2BRugby%2BFootball%2BClub%2C%2BThe%2BPavilion%2C%2BLondon%2BRd%2C%2BGuildford%2BGU1%2B1TU/%4051.2471113%2C-0.5605277%2C17z/data%3D%214m9%214m8%211m0%211m5%211m1%211s0x4875da0944250755%3A0xbab8c8f3f33d40b9%212m2%211d-0.556043%212d51.247108%213e0%20target%3Dnew)

Welcome to the 24/25 Season opening festival here at Guildfordians. We are absolutely delighted that you have joined us for an exciting day of rugby for all our minis. We hope that you all have an enjoyable day. If you have any problems, please raise them on the WhatsApp or on the day speak to a Marshall or a Guildfordian Coach, who would be delighted to help.

1. **OVERVIEW OF THE DAY**

Our festival is on 29 September 2024 at Guildfordians Rugby Club (London Road, Guildford, GU1 1TU)

Play Schedules will not be finalised and released until Saturday 28 September via the WhatsApp Group or email.

To join the WhatsApp Group use this link: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/Eo3udPfateZK3XncI8DvMd>

Or this QR Code

If you know that you will not be able to bring all the teams planned, please do let us know so that we can adjust the festivals - even if this is on the day of the festival.

The format is a "round robin", there are no playoffs at the end of the festival. The festival comprises mixed ability teams.

Stoke Park can be windy and therefore cold, particularly if wet. We cannot provide shelters for all visitors. All visiting teams must ensure that they have adequate shelter for players and that the players are suitably clothed.

First Aid points are found near the centre of the park and the clubhouse, marked on the pitch map. Visiting teams must have a qualified first aider available for each age group and this person must be known to all age group coaches.

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1. **LOGISTICS**
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From 9am - Team registration at Age Group Stations. Please look for a gazebo with a Guildfordian Flag. A link to the registration form will be shared by email to teams and through the WhatsApp group.

9:30 - Coach/Referee briefings

Each team must bring one referee. Please ensure that all referees are ready at the relevant time to referee a match - delays in the programme most often occur because the allocated referee cannot be found.

10:00 - Start of Play

13:00 - 13:30 - End of Play (estimated)

Please note every effort will be made to keep to time, therefore can you please ensure that you are at your designated pitch at the designated start time. If your match is over-running, please curtail to bring the fixtures back to time.

* 1. CAR PARKING

Please do not park on London Road adjacent to the park or in the club house. These are reserved for coaches bring equipment and for emergency services. These will be operated by permit systems.

There are other car parks in the vicinity including:

1. Stoke Park North side – please note that this is weather dependent
2. Guildford College, Stoke Rd, GU1 1EZ, 80 spaces (10 min walk)

Entrance is on the first roundabout you reach driving south along Stoke Road.

1. Allianz Insurance Offices, 57 Ladymead, GU1 1DB, 200 spaces (12 min walk)

The entrance to the parking area is next to the main road just after the Esso Garage. A steward will be stood at the entrance directing people into the car park (it is a one way system and if you miss the entrance it’s a 10-min journey to go all the way around again.) Parking next to the building is not permitted. Please use the footbridge to safely cross A25.

1. George Abbot School, Woodruff Avenue, GU1 1XX, 100 spaces (20 min walk)

George Abbot school is a one-mile walk along Woodruff Avenue and then heading southbound along London Road to reach the park. It is the furthest place from the festival so you may want to drop your child off with another adult and then park. The gate will be open and remain open for the duration of the event.

1. York Rd Car Park is a multi-storey car park in town, GU1 4DS. (c.20 min walk) This multi-story has 600 spaces.
2. Guildford Lido, Lido Road, Stoke Park, Guildford GU1 1HB (c.10 min walk)

**There is NO parking permitted at Spectrum Sports Centre or Park & Ride**.

Some car parks are open 24 hours; specific car parks will be open from 8:30am with Marshall's in attendance. Please note some of the council car parks around the park do require a ticket to be displayed in the car even though the first 4 hours are free.

While there is space at the clubhouse and along the London Road side of the park these are both reserved for Coaches bringing kit, so we respectfully ask if you are not bringing kit to not park at these locations (permits will be issued for people requiring parking in these areas.

Please do not park on any of the residential roads leading off London Road.

Please note some parking is quite a distance from the rugby pitches so please allow plenty of time for parking and to get from your car to the pitches (10-minute walk).

1. **REFRESHMENTS**

A BBQ will be served at the Oasis from 09:00 to 13:00 with Hot and cold drinks available too. In addition, there will be an ice cream van and coffees hut.

Toilets are located around the perimeter of the park and at the Club House. Disabled facilities are available.

1. **CODE OF CONDUCT**

All players, coaches and parents are asked to abide by the applicable Codes of Conduct: <https://guildfordiansrfc.rfu.club/information/safeguarding>

We reserve the right to exclude from any game or the festival any player, coach, spectator or team whose conduct is not in accordance with the Codes of Conduct.

1. **KEY CONTACTS**

Tournament lead: Danny Bailey

Logistics lead: David Smith

U11: Danny Bailey

U10: Mark Harris

U9: Chris Neep

U8: Jason Walker

U7: Bobby Kahlon

First aider: Danny Bailey