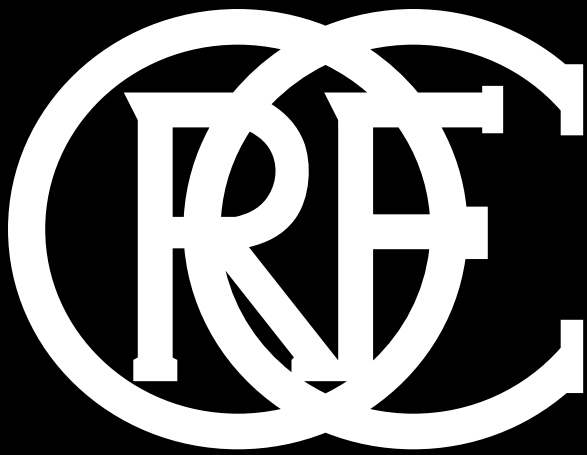


Oundle Rugby Football Club WELCOME PACK

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2025/2026

Welcome to Oundle Rugby Football Club for the 2024/25

Inside this pack you will hopefully find useful information for joining and playing at the club, membership forms, match schedules, pitch layout map and details for all coaches and organisers for each age group.

If you are returning for another year of rugby, we hope you have another great year, if you are new to the club, please contact the admin for your age group or turn up on Sunday mornings when your age group is at home and speak to the coaches on the pitch or ask anyone at the club for assistance.

Training sessions start at 9:30am and 11:30am on Sundays for the U6's through to the U16's U7's to U12's and below at 9:30am and U13's and above at 11:30am. For the first part of the season U6's will be with the U7's, once that group is setup they will separate into their own session, as for previous years if you have a child wanting to play in the U6's session and you feel like you can help coach, please make yourself known to the U7's coaches.

Parents are requested to always remain with their child while at the club.

From all at the club we hope you enjoy the rugby whether playing or watching your children on the pitch.

If you would like further information please do not hesitate to contact
Chris Sheldon - M & J Chair on mandjchair@oundlerfc.com



Talent by Design



Oundle Coaching is set for a bright future, and our junior players are given the best opportunity to shine at their level.

Following on from last season we continue with our academy set up, which is the result of the previous three years of work going into the design of a structure, season planning and developing a new approach to a player centered talent programme. Andy Key (Leicester, Leeds and Leicester Lions) has helped construct a set up that allows players of any level to approach rugby and be the best version of themselves. Oundle has always produced good players, and the current success at 1st XV level is underpinned from players graduating through our ranks.

Oundle as a club want to make that more sustainable, and make sure even players that move on to representative and higher-level rugby, are supported and recognised early enough to equip them with the skills, mental strength and technical ability to thrive.

The structure is:

Junior Academy - U13 to U15

Learning and Developmental stages, installing key basics (Oundle DNA)

Academy - U16 - U18

Technical and Game Understanding, preparing for Senior Rugby

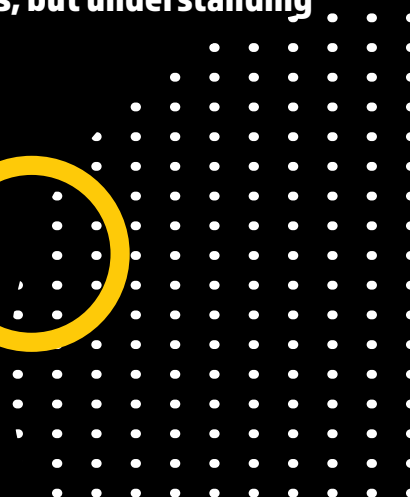
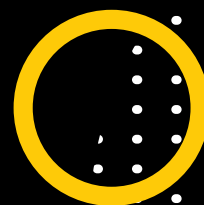
Senior Academy U19 - U23

Senior development structure, potential academy contracts.

President Peter Croot said "This is a much-needed development, and young players will thrive as we not only develop them, but we elevate our coaching standards with involvement from the senior set up and a purpose for each key stage. I'm looking forward to see our numbers, talent and performances grow."

We are looking for new players, keen to develop not only their own skills, but understanding of the game and their roles in a team.

Download the academy information [here](#)



Match Schedule



The Season will commence on Sunday 7th Sept for the Mini & Juniors there will be three sessions of training before starting matches on the 28th of September.

Match Attendance

The club has used the 'SPOND' app to aid correspondence between age group administrators, players and parents. The app will also register attendance for each training session.

The club asks all players, parents and visitors to the ground to download the app and create your own login, some of you may have already received this but everyone we have on our database should receive a message or email confirming a link to the clubs 'SPOND' account. You will then, through the app, be able to see the next session for your age group and confirm if you will be attending. If you are not on Spond, please contact your age group coach or admin and they will help you.

Volunteers

As the club is run by volunteers we ask if there are parents who could spare a few hours a week to make themselves known. Pitch marking is done on Saturday mornings (9:30am) which usually takes about 2 hours. There will always be others there who have volunteered before so do not worry if you are new to pitch marking. We also need parking attendees for Home matches and Sunday Training Sessions.

If you feel like you would like to help with coaching then please make yourself known to the club, we are always appreciative of anyone who can spare time to help the youngsters with their rugby.

If you have any other ideas to assist with the club aside from coaching and pitch marking, we would also welcome any positive comments or assistance.



Clothing / Kit Shop



The club kit shop is currently only available online - <https://www.kitlocker.com/samuraiclubshops/rugby-clubs/oundle-rfc> Match & training kit items and leisurewear can be purchased from the club shop.

Please ensure players come with enough warm clothes and hats. Skins/Baselayers are also a good idea when the temperature drops.

NB: We will be launching a new shop at the ground when renovations are complete.

Senior Rugby

The club has a successful senior rugby group, coached by many ex professional premiership players, if you would like further information please contact the social media team marketing@oundlerfc.com

The club is also offering a Season Ticket to watch First Team home matches, see social media for more information.



Membership

This Year we have kept the simplified the membership options, we are offering the following:

1. Senior and Family Membership (monthly Direct Debit option £180)	£150
2. Veterans, Touch Rugby, Student (senior) & Non-Playing Membership	£75

NB: The membership fees will be held at these rates until the end of September, from the 1st of October they will rise to £180 and £90

There is a membership hierarchy, so the membership chosen covers the option below it in the table above, i.e., if you sign up for option 1, the types of rugby mentioned in option 2 are included within the membership. If you just want to play Touch Rugby, you only need to select option 2.

We are using the RFU GMS site for all membership payments, each player will need to register with the RFU. If you already have a login on the RFU GMS, please sign in and you can then find the buy membership option on your home page.

You can find our club on the RFU GMS website by visiting:

<https://gms.rfu.com/GMS/Dashboard/Organisation/313>

Existing player will also need to re-affiliate with Oundle Rugby club through the RFU GMS system.

The monthly payment membership option is available during September only, this runs for 8 payments covering until the end of the season.

When purchasing the memberships through the RFU GMS website please select the same membership for all players or family members, to ensure you are all listed as members, you will only be charged for one membership fee.

If you have any questions regarding the membership, please speak to your age group admin, or come and find Paul Adams during the sessions, he will be with the U15's group or you can email him at **pauladams@oundlerfc.com**



Player Registration

Age Grade Registration is open for 2024/25 and it is time to register your child for the new season! Admins can you make sure all newcomers are aware. All new and existing age grade rugby players from U6 to U18 must be registered on the Game Management System (GMS) for the 2024/25 season. Parents and guardians need to register their children as players now to get the admin out of the way before the season starts. RFU Regulation requires players to be registered online each season within 45 days of the start of the season or from first joining the club. This guide outlines how a parent/guardian can complete a player registration for a new Age Grade player. (For 'Renewing a Player Registration' please refer to that guide). <https://help.rfu.com/support/solutions/articles/103000064034-how-to-register-age-grade-players-for-a-parent-guardian>

STEP 1. Once you have an account and added on your child to your account (see the guide 'How to Create an Account'), then on the 'Personal Profile Dashboard' there should be a notification in the 'What Next?' Green box to action a 'Player Registration' for your child. <https://rfu.freshdesk.com/support/solutions/articles/103000063984-how-do-i-create-an-account>

STEP 2. Simply click on this link in the dashboard for the 'Register to a club' for your child and complete the Player Registration Form, then click 'SAVE'. You will then receive an automated email and your club will need to approve the player registration and once they do, then your child will be an active registered player and ready to play rugby. **You can also click on your child's account under 'Family and Friends' on the left hand side of your Personal Profile Dashboard and access the same 'Register to a club' link on their dashboard as well. **Note when you first see the dashboard and there is no green box, then clicking on the action icon (circled in red below) will reveal the actions within the green box.

STEP 3. Some details will be auto populated in this Player Registration form; such as the same address as the linked adult and you will simply need to add or choose the details to complete the form with the chosen club, playing position, school details, medical details/conditions and Emergency contact. You can edit or amend any incorrect details by clicking on the + icon or the pencil icon.

STEP 4. Under the 'Player Registration Form' fill out all the mandatory details and click 'SAVE'. The parent will then receive an automated email confirming completion of the Age Grade Registration request and this will show as amber whilst the registration is pending. Once the Age Grade Registrar approves, it will show as a green active status.



Lottery



The club also runs a lottery to assist with raising funds for the club, if you are interested please contact your coach or Gary Wilkinson for full details, it is run similar to a '400 club' where you select a number which is the same for each draw and if your number is picked out then you win, prizes are 1st £150, 2nd £100 and there are four 3rd prizes of £25, if you are picked out for the 1st prize you are also entered for the rollover draw (25% of the monthly takings are put aside into a rollover pot), a second draw is made, if your selected bonus ball is picked you win, if not the rollover pot gets bigger until it is won. The last winner in July won a massive £1,455.50, so well worth it for that lucky member.

Pitch Map

The pitch map below showing areas for the different age groups, if you are unsure of where you need to be, just ask anyone at the club, parent or coach, we are a friendly club, and all will try to help where they can. All age groups should have flags showing you where they are.



Mini's U6's to U12's



Juniors U13's to U16's



Parking

Car parking can be busy at the club on match days access road is only single track so please give yourself plenty of time in the mornings, parking in the streets around the club is usually required, if you are parking on the roads, please be courteous to the residents and ensure you are not blocking any driveways. Drop Off is at the end of the public footpath (accessed via St Peters Rd).

The Club House

Our clubhouse is usually the centre of the club and a meeting place after the sessions to socialise. Please feel welcome to come in and have a drink/chat when the bar is open.

Food and Beverage

The club has the Grubber which will provide hot drinks and food during the Sunday sessions.

When age groups are participating in matches the club will provide food for the teams, for the Minis this is Hotdogs after the match, for the Juniors this can be a hot meal provided in the clubhouse, please contact your age group admins for more information on the match days.

Safeguarding & 1st Aid

The club has a dedicated Safeguarding Officer as well as Team 1st Aiders, if there are any issues or questions please contact: Rebecca Lennard safeguarding@oundlerfc.com



ORFC Touch Rugby

The club is also a Touch Rugby Centre having weekly sessions between 7-8pm on Thursday evenings.

It is a great way to keep fit and does not need experience of rugby to play, it is a fast paced, non-contact form of rugby, where a simple touch on the opponent is the equivalent of a tackle.

It is open to all, age 16 and upwards, mixed sessions, we welcome newcomers at any stage of the season.

Whether you are a Club player, Veterans Rugby player, Rugby fan, someone who has never played rugby before, someone wanting to try something new or just looking to get fit! It is a great social game and really good fun.

If you would like more information, please contact Paul Adams: pauladams@oundlerfc.com



Coaches / Admin

U6 & 7		
Simon Beesley	Coach	
Mateaki-He-Lotu Ma'asi	Coach	
Tanya Knowles	Admin	07720 257 494
U8		
Luke Butcher	Coach / Admin	07862 250 475
Russ Bain	Coach	
Sam Draper	Coach	
U9		
Duncan Smith	Coach	
James Hankins	Coach	
Kim Beesley	Admin	07854 583 055
U10		
Nick Waters	Coach	
Jamie Lennard	Coach	
Matt Volland	Coach	
Marcus Kidman	Coach	
Michelle Waters	Admin	07766 080 620
U11		
Nick Knowles	Coach/Admin	07802 736 192
Stephen (Ned) Cull	Coach	
Reuben Green	Coach	



Coaches / Admin

U12		
Chris Sheldon	Coach	
Marcus Brailsford	Coach	
Jarod Edwards	Coach	
Thomas Dale	Coach	
Thomas Dale	Coach	
Sam Palmer-Sheldon	Admin	07885 905 320
U13		
Ben Russell	Coach	
Stuart Elderkin	Coach	
Darren Curtis	Coach	
Lisa Curtis	Admin	07921 576 251
U14		
Paul Miller	Coach	
Eddie King	Coach	
Josh Woodhouse	Coach	
Sam Asher-Relf	Admin	07823 884 558
U15		
Paul Adams	Coach / Admin	07711 356 017
Nick Nowles	Coach	
Ollie Rees	Coach	
U16		
Gary Wilkinson	Coach	
Pete Croot	Coach	
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