

Cranbrook Rugby Football Club



3.2 PRINCIPLES AND ETHOS OF THE CRANBROOK RUGBY MINI AND JUNIOR SECTIONS

The RFU and **CRFC** are completely dedicated to providing rugby for all ages and for all children regardless of ability. Therefore **CRFC** will be completely clear about how we select and play teams. Firstly, we will attempt to limit the amount of competitive games each child plays and secondly, we will follow the Continuums guideline that it is the “taking part, not the winning” that is the aim of rugby in these age groups.

We will not “stream” our children except for 2 or 3 prioritized festivals per year until the Under 10 age group when physicality and technique become so important. Those with lesser ability can only improve if they play with the better skilled players for a number of years in competitive fixtures.

Although attendance is important we recognise that parents and families sometimes have other commitments and as such children should not be penalized for not always being able to attend training/fixtures. We encourage children to play many different sports and represent their schools etc and therefore sometimes should not always be available for Sundays.

We will also as best we can adhere to the RFU continuum and encourage our coaches to not allow children to play more than 17 competitive fixtures in a season (inc school). We understand that by not following this procedure **CRFC** will be left open to inspection of our playing records by the RFU and could face certain sanctions – thus all age groups must follow this guideline.

We will encourage other coaches from other clubs/organizations to work with our team of coaches and children but only with the permission on the **CRFC** committee or the **Mini/ Junior Chairman** due to child protection policy. We will also seek help from coaches within the club as a first step and this encourages sharing within the club, broadening of relationships between age groups and utilising the assets already with the club.

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Richard (Dicky) Swallow
CRFC Junior Chairman
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