

To be returned to team coach or manager at start of season

Wicklow Rugby Football Club Youths/Mini Section Membership Policy



This documents the policy that Wicklow Youth Section adopt when accepting new members.

Wicklow Rugby Club is absolutely committed to promoting Youth Rugby and welcomes any boy or girl who wishes to play rugby with the club. In order to maintain a structured, safe and productive coaching environment, a policy must be implemented to ensure that this is what the club provides. This policy is as follows:

- For mini rugby teams (i.e. those up to under 12s), we aspire to maintaining a minimum ratio of 1 adult coaching assistant for every 6 players in the squad.
- For all players up to and including under 8's; each player must have a responsible adult present for the duration of training sessions or matches.
- For youth rugby teams (i.e. those from under 13 to under 19 inclusive), we aspire to maintaining a minimum ratio of 1 adult coaching assistant for every 10 players in the squad.
- Where girls are playing on any team, either a female coach must be present at all times or one of the girl's parents or guardians must be present.

Wicklow Rugby Club will endeavour to coach all children present to the club to play. If the numbers of coaches drops to a level exceeding 1 coach to 10 players, it will be brought to the attention of the Director of Rugby or one of the Coordinators, who will ensure that the Club executive are informed.

While facilities are at a premium, it should be noted that in most circumstances, if a parent is willing to help with coaching and/or managing of the child's age group, it means that additional players can be accommodated at the level at which their child wishes to play.