

Bank of England Rugby Football Club



Mini/Youth Financial Hardship Assistance Policy

1. Bank of England Rugby Football Club (BOERFC) is dedicated to fostering and promoting a safe, disciplined, respectful, team-oriented programme where boys and girls can learn the fundamentals of rugby, develop skills to be competitive in the game, and build the essential characteristics of good sportsmanship and strong character.
2. The Club understands that our community, families, households and individuals may suffer financial difficulty from time to time. Financial hardship can present challenges to meeting primary needs, much less discretionary activities. The Club acknowledges the role of sports in general, and rugby in particular, in the personal, physical and emotional development of children and young people. It is the philosophy of the Club that no child or young person should be turned away from participating in rugby due to cost or affordability.
3. The Club works hard to manage its expenses in order to deliver a quality programme at a reasonable cost. Although we manage our funds such that the collected subscription fees largely fund our programmes, the Club will consider various forms of Financial Hardship Assistance to ensure that all children and young people can participate. Financial Hardship Assistance may, for example, involve agreeing a schedule for payment by instalments and/or a partial remission of annual subscription charges.
4. Where a player is in receipt of Financial Hardship Assistance, is eligible on the grounds of age to participate in a Club rugby tour, and has consistently shown commitment to the Club through regular attendance at training and matches over the season this assistance may, by agreement, be extended to also cover a significant proportion of the cost of the tour for that player. The Club will not normally subsidise the cost of any accompanying parent or other

family members, but this may be possible for younger players where exceptional circumstances prevent the child from travelling with another family group.

5. To be considered for Financial Hardship Assistance, the parent or guardian of the child/young person should contact a member of the Mini/Youth Committee either directly or through his/her age group Head Coach or Team Manager. The financial hardship request will be kept confidential; only the members of the the Committee (and the Head Coach or Team Manager, if the request was made through them) will have knowledge of the request.

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