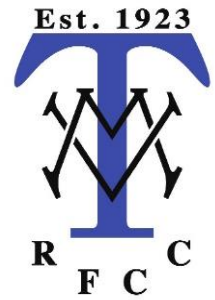


MEET **ENJOY**
GROW



Welcome to Minis and Junior Rugby at Trafford MV Rugby Football & Cricket Club, where we are proud of the achievements and the excellent attitude of our young players.

If you're new to the club, welcome to the TMV family. And If you're returning for another season, welcome back! 2019/20 turned out to be a bit of a strange old season. The highlight was being awarded Minis Club of the Year in the National Rugby Awards at Twickenham. But then we were hit with the bad weather, which forced us to cancel some sessions over the winter months. And then who could have foreseen the impact that Covid-19 would have on our everyday lives! It's been great to get back to some sort of 'new normal' with M&J rugby returning to the pitches of TMV again. Nobody really knows when things will return to the way it was before, but we welcome your understanding and support as we all adapt to new rules and regulations.

The club was originally formed in 1923 by a group of apprentices at an engineering company called Metropolitan Vickers (later becoming AEI Ltd. and eventually GEC Ltd.) to provide a sports facility and the opportunity to play rugby against other companies around the region under the name of Metrovick RFC.

Today Trafford MV is a community club, with links to local schools and other clubs that use our great facilities. We enjoy seeing the young players progress up the age levels and into senior rugby. Keeping players involved throughout their school days and beyond means that they benefit from being part of the rugby family.

We are proud that our young teams are as renowned for their fair play as for their success. We are also proud of our RFU Seal of Approval status, which recognises our achievements in reaching and

maintaining the standard of a club committed to providing a quality rugby union experience for young players.

The club aims to ensure that players, coaches, parents, spectators and volunteers uphold the core values of rugby union: Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline and Sportsmanship (TREDs). These values will stand our young people in good stead both on and off the rudy pitch and are reflected in the RFU's Code of Rugby.

Trafford MV supports its aims:

- Play to win – but not at all costs
- Win with dignity, lose with grace
- Observe the Laws and regulations of the game
- Respect opponents, referees and participants
- Reject cheating, racism, violence and drugs
- Value volunteers and paid officials alike
- Enjoy the game

The reputation and respect of Trafford MV as a welcoming and friendly club is reflected by the ever-growing numbers of children (from the ages of 3 upwards) and their parents who come down to join in the fun on a Sunday morning. Much of the credit for our success as a club is down to the commitment and drive of the club's qualified and enthusiastic coaches, our many marvellous volunteers, our players' parents and supporters and our sponsors. I would like to welcome you all and thank you for your continued support.

We are always pleased to receive help from new parents, so please talk about volunteer roles with your coaches, managers or anyone on the Mini & Junior Committee. This pack contains all the information you need, but please do ask any questions or log on to the club website at www.traffordmv.com.

A very warm welcome to Trafford MV and I hope that you all enjoy the rugby and being a part of this great club. Remember it's your club and the #bestclubintheworld.

Greg Hawkins BEM
Mini & Junior Chairman



JOIN OUR CLUB



Trafford MV provides rugby for children of all ages and abilities.

Our Mini Section caters for children of 3 years old (under 4s) up to 11 years old (under 12s). The Junior Section provides for children from 12 years (under 13s) up to Senior Colts (under 19s).

All age groups adhere to the RFU Age Grade Rugby, a playing and coaching pathway by which clubs and schools introduce rugby in three incremental stages (Mini-Midi Rugby) so that by Under 13 level, players have the skills and knowledge to participate in the full 15-a-side game.

Each stage has its own rules distinguishing it from the adult game. This progression accommodates the changing developmental abilities of children as they mature, with the emphasis on the improvement of the individual skills through purposeful and enjoyable activity. Provision is made for testing these skills in match situations during a limited number of competitive fixtures and festivals/tournaments each season.

The enjoyment and safeguarding of children is of paramount importance at Trafford MV and we are committed to providing opportunities for all children to play rugby in a friendly, fun and safe environment. For a beginner's guide to rugby's rules and regulations visit rfu.com.

Club development & plans for the future

In 2008 we secured a RFU Loan which enabled us to build our new changing rooms. In 2013 we were awarded a Sport England grant to make drainage improvements to the Training pitches. And in 2014 we secured significant funding from Viridor Credits which enabled us to extend the clubhouse and kitchen facilities. Thanks also to RFU/Rugby Football Foundation for their financial support and assistance.

As you can see, we now can justifiably claim to have the best grounds and facilities in the area. Our aim is to continue developing improved facilities and social spaces for the benefit of all players, members and visitors.

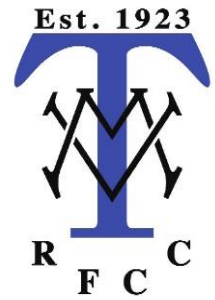
In 2019 we were pleased to see the formation of our new Women's Rugby team, who even managed to play a few games before the Coronavirus pandemic hit. One of the aims of the club has always been to have a Girls section, offering our promising junior girls a pathway to play and enjoy the game they had often started in the Minis. We now offer Girls training on Thursday nights, and the vision is taking shape.

What can I do to help?

We need everybody to join and contribute to the monthly draw. This means we can cover the cost of the RFU Loan and also build a Development Fund for re-investment back into the club.

We are always keen to hear from parents who may have any skills or business connections that could benefit the club. This could range from a trade or profession to do those odd jobs that always need doing around the club, all the way through to sponsorship opportunities. Let us know if you can help out in any way.

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How do I register my child and become a Member?

Registration is done online on the RFU Game Management System (GMS). This can be done here - <https://gms.rfu.com/GMS/Account/Login>

Step 1: Please use the find a club feature to start the process of creating an account for yourself as parent/guardian and then add details for your child/children.

Step 2: Age Grade Registration, you need to complete a player registration for your child/children, effectively associating their profile with the club and accept the required registration waivers.

Step 3: Once you have created an account for you and your child and completed the player registration, we ask that you then purchase our Mini & Junior Annual membership at £15 per month for 1 Adult and 1 Child, plus any additional child membership for an extra £5 a month. The £15 a month is split into £5 Social Membership, which gives you entry into the Monthly Venture Draw and a £10 donation, on which we can claim Gift Aid.

Your subs will also make you a Social Member of Trafford MV. This entitles you to a TMV 10% discount card that you can use to get discount at the bar. It's then down to you how you use the club and its facilities, sporting activities and social events.

Step 4: If you pay UK tax please consider Gift Aid as a way of increasing the amount we can recover from HMRC for your donation. (see Gift Aid).

There is additional information on how to register and purchase membership on the club website at traffordmv.co.uk ↳ Information ↳ Membership & Subscriptions ↳ Mini & Junior Registration & Membership.

On this page you can find help, videos and info about:

- How to Create an Account (GMS)
- Age Grade Registration
- How to Buy Membership
- Gift Aid

Gift Aid

By completing the Gift Aid form, this allows the club to claim 20% of your donations from HMRC. This helps to contribute to much needed club funds and every penny counts. Thank you

The Venture Draw

All money raised is used to provide equipment, coaching and refreshments. Along with improving the facilities of the club for the benefit of all members. We are self-sufficient and do not receive any outside funding.

13 Great Chances to Win!!

£600 worth of cash prizes to be won every month

- 1 win of £200
- 1 win of £100
- 1 win of £75
- 2 wins of £50
- 3 wins of £25
- 5 wins of £10

If you have any problems or would like more help, please contact Karen by emailing traffordmvminis@gmail.com.

**BE PART
OF A TEAM**



Training, selection & availability

Training for the Mini Section is on Sunday morning is currently at 9.45am. Any alterations will be notified by the team coach or manager. At Trafford MV we want to ensure that all children have opportunities to play, selection for individual matches being the responsibility of team coaches and managers.

Training for the Junior Section is on Tuesday & Thursday evenings (u14s on Wednesday) from 18.30pm and on a Sunday morning at 11.15am. Alterations will be notified by the team coach or manager. Trafford MV will aim to maximise playing opportunities for all, with selection for particular matches the responsibility of team coaches and managers.

All training and home matches are held at the club grounds at MacPherson Park, Finney Bank Road, Sale, M33 6LR.

Parents & Guardians

Remain responsible for their children at training/matches and are encouraged to stay, especially if their children are in the Minis Section.

Punctuality

Children should be in rugby kit ready to start sessions on time, especially on match days. Please let the coach know if your child is unavailable to train or play as they will not want to let team mates down.

Two-way communication

Get to know your team's coach and manager, ensure they have your contact details so you can receive team news and other important information about matches or cancellations.

Necessary Kit

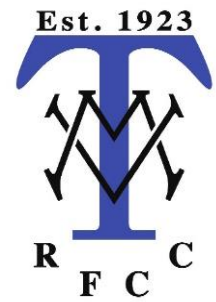
As with most sports, players need kit, at the club this will be: rugby boots, socks, shorts and shirt, mouth guard, and water bottle. In winter months please make sure that minis/juniors are kitted out appropriately for the conditions with hats and gloves etc as appropriate.

Our kit supplier is O'Neills. The club colours are Black & White. Team shirts should be worn on match days. Shorts should be black up to U14s then they should be white. The club shop is currently not open on a Sunday morning but is available to purchase through your coach, selling shirts, shorts and socks as well as other bits and bobs, additional items can be ordered online via the O'Neills website, www.oneills.com.

Don't forget to register on the O'Neills website to receive a £5 discount off your first purchase, you will also collect points which can be used for discount on future purchases.

- Boots, with safety studs, should be certified to IRB regulations. In warm, dry weather trainers or melled boots may be acceptable.
- Mouth guards are strongly recommended. A custom fitting mouth guard service is usually organised at the start of the season.
- Any other protective equipment is worn at the discretion of the parent/player but must conform to IRB standards (a reputable sports shop can advise).
- Wearing layers means players can discard items as they warm up. Waterproof tops must not have zips.
- Players' drinks should be provided, especially on hot days, when sunscreen may also (sometimes!) be needed.
- Players will need a set of clean clothes to change into after training or matches (no boots or muddy clothes are allowed in the club house).

COACH REFEREE VOLUNTEER



Coaching

Young players are coached under the RFU Age Grade Regulations and boys and girls train and play together up to and including the Under 12s age group. Beyond this, boys and girls play separately for safety reasons.

All lead coaches at Trafford MV are qualified to RFU coaching standards and all coaches are DBS checked. We aim to have at least one Level 1 qualified coach for each age group, which means they are trained and accredited. If you are interested in becoming a rugby coach, please contact Greg Hawkins or Andy Wood.

Refereeing

The club has qualified referees to officiate at matches. However, to cover all matches every weekend, we are always actively recruiting referees. You do not need to have any previous rugby experience as training is provided. Please contact Andrew Lord for more information about becoming a referee.

Volunteering

We very much welcome your help with the running of the club. It takes a great deal of work to ensure everyone can train and play. So, if you could help in any way, for example coaching, managing, refereeing, helping in the kitchen or at social events, fundraising or with the website or publicity then please join our fabulous army of volunteers. Sundays would not be the same without them.

To achieve the RFU recommended minimum ratio of adults to children, we need to recruit volunteer coaches and managers each season to keep the club going forward with the ever-growing numbers of children taking part.

Sponsorship & Fundraising

Each year we endeavour to raise funds for the club through events and sponsorship. If you are able to help or recommend possible sponsors, please contact the Club Treasurer: Andrew Colley at andy.colley1@hotmail.co.uk

With plans to develop our facilities and increase community activities, we offer sponsorship opportunities to individuals and companies who share our values of encouraging participation in sport and volunteering roles.

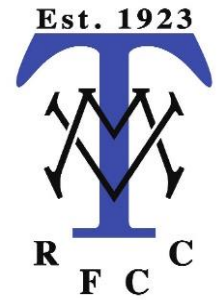
Along with 13 mini/junior teams, the club fields 3 senior rugby teams, 2 women's team and 2 cricket teams. Add to that parents, supporters and other club users, we see over 500 people attending the club each week throughout the year. In addition, we hold events such as our annual bonfire and fireworks display which attracts over 1,200 people through the gates.

Our extensive grounds, modern changing facilities, and recently refurbished clubhouse, are used by St Brendan's Gaelic Football, Tigers Softball Club, Yoga, Pilates and fitness, Walking and Touch rugby, Sale Grammar School, and Fitness Bootcamp. We also provided access to charities to put on fun days to raise funds and exposure for their cause.

We communicate with members via RFU GMS, club website, twitter, Facebook and Instagram and have many links with external organisations, including reports on the club's activities regularly appearing in the local press and on sports/community related websites.

We are always keen to hear from parents who may have any skills or business connections that could benefit the club. This could range from a trade or profession which might help with those odd jobs that always need doing around the club, getting involved with the coaching on a Sunday morning, all the way through to sponsorship opportunities. Please do not be afraid to let us know if you think you can help out in any way.

TAKING CARE



Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults

At Trafford MV we are committed to safeguarding the welfare of our children and young players. All children and vulnerable adults are entitled to protection from harm and have the right to take part in sport in a safe, positive and enjoyable environment.

Everyone works in partnership to promote children's welfare, health and development and all allegations and suspicions of harm will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly, fairly and appropriately.

A rugby club should be a safe, friendly and welcoming environment where all staff and volunteers involved with children and vulnerable adults should be suitable to work with them. At Trafford MV all reasonable steps are taken to prevent anyone who may pose a threat to children or vulnerable adults from working with them. All volunteers and staff who work closely with our young players are checked regularly through the Disclosure Barring Service (DBS) in accordance with RFU Governance.

For further information regarding the safeguarding of children or vulnerable adults, contact the Club Safeguarding Officer: Kathryn Wood on 07412 358322 or email at kathryn.manchester@gmail.com.

Kathryn Wood is usually available most Sunday mornings in and around the clubhouse; if unavailable please contact Greg Hawkins, Junior Chairman.

First Aid

In the event of a player being injured, in the absence of the parents the team officials are responsible for deciding whether further medical assistance is required. Parents and/or guardians will be contacted as quickly as possible. The Club has invested in First Aid Training and there is usually someone qualified in Emergency First Aid onsite during training or matches. We also have 2 defibrillators which are located in the entrance to the changing rooms and behind the bar.

Transport

In most instances it is the responsibility of parents, not the club, to transport their child to and from the club or nominated meeting point. If parents make arrangements between themselves, this is a private arrangement and at the parents' discretion.

When Trafford MV formally arranges transport, we will ensure that drivers and vehicles comply with the RFU's Safeguarding Policy.

In the event of a late collection, coaches and volunteers will attempt to contact the parents, wait with the child, preferably in the company of others, notify the Club Safeguarding Office and remind parents of their responsibility to collect their child promptly.

Photographic Images

We encourage the taking of appropriate images of children involved in rugby celebrating the Core Values of the sport. The RFU's guidance for parents and the volunteer workforce can be found on the Safeguarding pages of www.rfu.com. It is based on common sense and we would ask everyone to read and comply with this guidance.

Any parent or guardian who does not want their child photographed for any reason should talk in confidence to the team's coach or manager. We will then take all reasonable steps to ensure the child is not photographed whilst playing or training at the club.

GDPR Statement

In simple terms GDPR will help protect the personal data of those involved in rugby by requiring better governance and transparency. Although we need to collect some personal data from you, this is kept securely and is only used for communication purposes between you and the Club, e.g. team and match info, events etc. We do not provide your personal information to any external 3rd party or organisation.

PLAYING YOUR PART



RFU Codes of Conduct – Players, Coaches, Parents and Spectators

Rugby is a game of long traditions which have developed over time into a number of values that guide the way the game is played and how players, coaches, officials and supporters conduct themselves.

As a parent you will no doubt want your son/daughter to enjoy their involvement in rugby union in a safe enjoyable environment, where there are opportunities to learn and develop rugby skills and also have 'fun'. As a member of Trafford MV you are expected to abide by the following codes of conduct.

The Good Parent's code

At Trafford MV we understand that parents are an integral part of the partnership, which ensures that young players enjoy their involvement in the sport and experience an environment in which they can flourish.

Spectator and Parent – Code of Conduct

- Show respect for officials and other players
- Encourage in your support
- Be courteous to all
- Applaud good play
- Verbally support in a proactive manner
- Remember victory is not everything
- Children are playing for their own enjoyment
- Enjoy the day and transmit that enthusiasm to the players

The Good Spectator's code

- Do not force your child to play
- Do not stray on to the pitch at any time
- Do not verbally abuse match officials – remember, they are volunteers
- Do not verbally abuse players or other spectators
- Do not use bad language
- Do not threaten or intimidate
- Do not become involved in physical aggression
- Do not do anything which is likely to offend by way of insult, humiliation or discrimination

Young rugby players are impressionable, and their behaviour will often reflect that of adults around them. At Trafford MV we welcome spectators on our touchlines who embrace the ethos of the game as one of fun, enjoyment and skill development.

Value the importance of the volunteer coaches – they give up their time to provide recreation for your child. Support their decision if your child has not been selected for a game. If you have any issues with the way a coach is performing, talk to them first. Refer any issues to the Chairman of the Mini & Junior section.

Remember - It's only a game!

GET IN TOUCH



Club Location and Contacts

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Club Treasurer	Andy Colley	0161 973 7061	andy.colley1@hotmail.co.uk
Safeguarding Officer	Kathryn Wood	07412 358 322	kathryn.manchester@gmail.com
Minis Registration Officer	Karen Lord	07799 203 605	traffordmvminis@gmail.com
Fixtures Co-ordinator	Paul Birch	07507 790 995	birchy_2k@hotmail.com
Coaching Co-ordinator	Andy Wood	07788 648 257	mrwooduk@yahoo.co.uk
Club Membership Secretary	Andrew Lord	07810 098 317	tmvmembership@gmail.com

Team	Lead Coach	Contact details
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Under 5s	Glenn Wilshire	07922 157 821
Under 6s	Andrew Eccles	07768 752 258
Under 7s	Andy Swan	07837 321 542
Under 8s	Mike Walsh	07511 902 044
Under 9s	Paul Howarth	07943 920 453
Under 10s	Chris Davenport	07971 906 257
Under 11s	Dave Rawnsley	07748 114 674
Under 12s	Mark Owen	07711 632 169
Under 13s	Julian Lockett	07792 710 545
Under 14s	Andy Hope	07880 780 766
Under 15s	Stuart Oram	07971 980 201
Under 16s	Andy Wood	07788 648 257
Colts (U18s)	Richard Culver	07767 490 831
Girls Rugby	Justine Thatcher	07784 396 765

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