

**MORPETH RFC AGE GRADE SECTION (AGE GRADE/GIRLS)
2019/20 MEMBERSHIP GUIDANCE & PARENTS CODE**

Age Group(s)		Email:	
Player (s) Name (s)			
SAFEGUARDING, PHOTO AND VIDEO			
You do not give members of Morpeth Age Grade Section permission to take photographs and / or video of your child.			NO
You do not grant Morpeth RFC full rights to use the images resulting from the photography/video filming, and any reproductions or adaptations of the images for fundraising, publicity or other purposes to help achieve the clubs aims.			NO
SIGNATURES			
Signature:		Date:	
FURTHER GUIDANCE, CONDITIONS AND DISCLAIMERS – ALSO PLEASE SEE PARENTS CODE BELOW			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A parent of an Age Grade Section member will automatically become a member of the Senior Club. • All club kit is to be purchased via ZOO. Details can be found on the club website. • MRFC Age Grade Section will provide DBS clearance and reimburse, following attendance, any relevant coaching/professional courses organised by the RFU or NRU. • ANY Safeguarding issues or concerns please contact Club Safeguarding team ASAP (Debbie Yilmaz or Matt Crooks) • ANY Club Disciplinary issues or concerns please contact the Chair of the Club Disciplinary Committee (Chair Colin Green) in the first instance, for any advice or guidance required. • Following the payment of Subscriptions, any accidents or injuries which may result during training/coaching sessions or while playing rugby are only covered by the basic level of insurance, as provided by the RFU. • Morpeth RFC cannot be responsible for any loss of property. • Morpeth RFC's privacy policy can be viewed at www.morpethrfc.co.uk • Morpeth RFC are always looking for new volunteers and sponsors—if you have any interest in either please contact Age Grade Section Chairman James Richfield** 			

“Teamwork” “Respect” “Enjoyment” “Discipline” “Sportsmanship”

Parents Code

- Always be aware of the Club and RFU's policy on child protection and always employ best practice.

The Northumberland Rugby Union safeguarding handbook is available via:

<http://northumberlandrugbyunion.com/mini-and-youth/mini-and-youth-safeguarding-and-discipline-handbook>

- Do not force an unwilling child to participate – it is supposed to be for them, and you may put them off rugby forever
- Encourage your child to understand and play within the rules.
- Focus your child on practicing their skills, sportsmanship and being part of a team. Winning isn't everything and not everyone can score the winning try.
- Support and encourage your child - never criticise them for making mistakes. Console them for losing but encourage them to try harder next time.
- Set an example for sportsmanship - applaud good play by all.
- Never publicly criticise a referee or linesman - there is no place for 'touchline rage' in mini rugby.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children's sport. Report anything to the Child Protection Officer or Chairman.
- Help the club function properly by turning up on time with the appropriate kit. Be prepared to help out if asked.
- Support your coaches - they are giving up their time to train your child. If you have any issues with the way a coach is performing, talk to them first. Refer any issues to an Officer of the Club.