**Harlow RUFC Junior 7-a-side Tag Tournament**

**Saturday 3rd July 2021**

**Operational Rules**

Whilst the tournament is intended to be a fun event enabling players and spectators to enjoy some form of rugby entertainment, it will be taking place against the backdrop of the current Coronavirus pandemic. The Club certainly has no wish to be ‘party poopers’, but it has given permission for the event to ahead subject to a number of very strict operational conditions and these are detailed below – let’s ensure we ALL help protect ourselves and others by following these fully.

* Squad sheets will be issued to team managers by email on the Wednesday preceding each Saturday playing day
* Fully completed squad sheets MUST be handed to the tournament organisers 20 minutes before the start of play (not the time of a team’s first match). These forms require a health declaration, phone number etc and will be used, if necessary, for track and trace purposes before being destroyed after 21 days of each day’s play
* Each team to follow the same grouping protocols as practiced at training
* Dressing rooms and showers remain out of bounds so players should come prepared to play and keep warm/dry between matches
* There is limited access to the clubhouse based on table availability. Players may enter the Clubhouse upstairs areas before, during and after play but not in kit or boots. They should be appropriately dressed in clean, dry clothing (tracksuit, trainers etc)
* Everyone entering the Clubhouse must fully comply with current rules and/or legislation on social distancing and grouping
* On handing in weekly squad sheets, team managers will be issued a set of pre-sanitised belts/tags and these must be retained by each player for the duration of each day’s play and ALL of these returned to the organisers every week on completion
* Balls and tags are to be sanitised between games and players should sanitise their hands before taking the field of play
* All playing balls will be regularly sanitised throughout each day and used by all attending between each game.
* Hand sanitiser will be available both in the Clubhouse and around the playing areas
* A full set of playing rules will be issued to teams and posted on Club media streams ahead of tournament commencing
* The tournament is 100% **NO DELIBERATE CONTACT** and the success of it, and the enjoyment for all, is dependent on **EVERYONE** adhering to this at all times. Sanctions will be imposed on individuals and/or teams in the event of persistent infringement of this cardinal rule
* Briefings will be held with managers before the start of each day’s play in order to update on any rule or operational changes

We have absolutely no doubt that by complying with these points fully, everyone can enjoy a lot of fun and much needed semi-organised rugby in these difficult times.