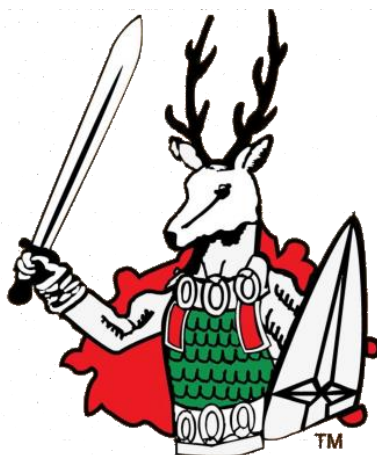




Wooden Spoon

The children's charity of rugby



Wooden Spoon
MARAUDERS

WELCOME TO THE PLAYER'S PACK - 2018

PLEASE TAKE TIME TO READ THIS PACK (all the info you need is in here)

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1 - INTRODUCTION

This pack contains important information which you, as a player representing the Wooden Spoon Marauders, need to be aware of.

Thank you for your time to read through the pack.



2 - WOODEN SPOON MARAUDERS CONTACTS

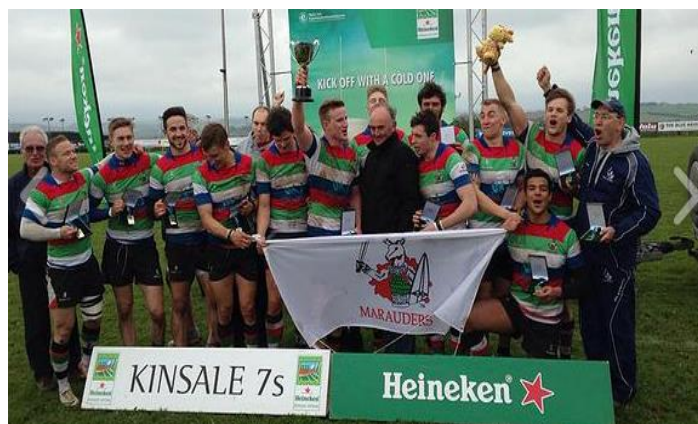
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FOR FIXTURE LIST See website www.maraudersrfc.com or www.woodenspoon.org.uk

3 - WOODEN SPOON MARAUDERS - WHO WE ARE

The Wooden Spoon Marauders men's and women's teams compete on the UK and International 7's circuit to promote the profile of Wooden Spoon in the rugby community. Players and team officials are expected to operate to a high standard at all times and to promote the Charity's core values of: FUN, INTEGRITY, TEAMWORK and PASSION.

The Wooden Spoon Marauders was formed by a partnership between Wooden Spoon, the children's charity of rugby, and the White Hart Marauders RFC, both of whom were founded in 1983. The Wooden Spoon Marauders are now one of the top 7s specialist sides on the circuit, having won tournaments all over the world. The partnership brings together great values of camaraderie, high standards, top level sevens rugby, fun, and of course fundraising for disabled and disadvantaged children across the UK and Ireland through the projects Wooden Spoon supports.



4 - EXPECTATIONS

Having fun is an essential part of playing on the 7s circuit however please ensure your behaviour and that of your team-mates is of the required standard both on and off the pitch and remember, we have a no tolerance policy against drug taking in sport. Disciplinary matters will be dealt with under the auspices of Hampshire RFU and RFU regulations. There is also an expectation to contribute towards the costs of the team by helping fundraising efforts for the charity – some of the ways this can be done are detailed below.

Meeting agreed expectations are the foundations of a strong partnership and we know that if the balance is not right then the partnership will break down. Sponsorship raised by us all will help to fund the cost of getting to and from foreign tournaments, or for exceptional travel costs. We will not however be able to pay local travel costs to or from local tournaments. The following points are what we expect from you and in return we have listed how your association with the Wooden Spoon Marauders will be of benefit to you.

What we want from you

- Commitment to the number of matches you agree to play for WSM at the beginning of the season
- You become a member of the Wooden Spoon charity
- You carry out individual or group fundraising activity for the charity. We will supply you with the resources to help you raise over £100 each to fund a full season
- You help with fundraising activities at major tournaments during some of the down time
- You live up to the Wooden Spoon Marauders standards both on and off the field



What we offer in return

- The opportunity to play for one of the top 7's teams on the UK circuit
- The stage on which to perform, in front of key international Coaches, Agents and Scouts
- Commitment to a season fixture list of 6 to 8 tournaments
- A 7s Performance Centre based in Surrey / London with experienced 7s coaches
- Skills assessment and player development
- Physio facility at all tournaments and at Performance Centre training sessions
- A small gym is available for personal use at the Performance Centre's CRFC base
- Travel insurance cover for all foreign tournaments
- RFU insurance cover for all matches, at home and abroad
- Top quality playing kit for the season plus key items of stash each year
- The knowledge and feeling you will experience by helping Wooden Spoon make a difference to the lives of disabled and disadvantaged children across the UK and Ireland

5 - HOW YOU CAN HELP

These are some of the ways you can help to raise money for Wooden Spoon...

- Introducing sponsors to your Team Manager and/or to the Wooden Spoon Rugby Manager.
- Signing up members of Wooden Spoon (friends, family, public...).
- Selling raffle tickets and/or wristbands at competitions.
- Contributing to accommodation or travel costs yourself.
- Winning Competitions!
- Organising an event or social with Wooden Spoon as your chosen charity

Both White Hart Marauders and Wooden Spoon have a long tradition of rugby 7s and charitable fundraising. You are custodians of this tradition and we hope you will help pass this on to the next generation. Thank you.

6 - WOODEN SPOON – OUR MESSAGE

Wooden Spoon is the children's charity of rugby. We fund life-changing projects across the UK and Ireland to support disadvantaged and disabled children. Our rugby heritage has given us our core values of passion, integrity, teamwork and fun. Working closely with the international rugby community, these values drive the ethos and spirit in everything we do. We fund a range of projects, which are not just rugby focused. We fund approximately 70 projects a year including respite and medical treatment centres, sensory rooms, specialist playgrounds, sports activity areas and community based programmes in the UK and Ireland.

We have over 400 committed volunteers raising money in local communities across the country and we are extremely proud to say that the money they raise funds projects in their local area. Due the phenomenal support we have received from the rugby community and the public, we have been able to help over a million children and young people through our life-changing projects since we were founded in 1983.

But this still isn't enough. With numbers of UK disadvantaged children anticipated to reach an all time high, we continue to need your and the public's help more than ever.

7 - KIT PROVISION

We will provide top quality playing kit and official Wooden Spoon merchandise for dedicated players and support staff. However please understand that there is a balance to strike between providing non essential stash and raising funds for the children and young people the charity supports. As a squad the better we engage with the rugby community and raise the profile of the charity the easier it is to fundraise and to provide these items. The impact of players and officials wearing our highly recognisable clothing helps greatly in increasing our brand awareness across the globe.

8 - SOCIAL MEDIA

We encourage every player to promote and support the charity by using social media in a responsible way. Please tag, follow and share posts and tweets with the following # or @ tags and handles.

#wearerugby
@charityspoon
facebook.com/charityspoon

#marauders
facebook.com/maraudersrhc

Please remember to "tag" Charity Spoon and Marauders in your posts and photos and to tag as many people as you can to help raise the profile of Wooden Spoon and the Wooden Spoon Marauders.

We really want to develop an online community where people can get involved in the conversation. Here are some examples of ways you can contribute:

- Let your followers know you are training / preparing for a 7's competition.
- Posting and tagging funny and compelling pictures of WOODEN SPOON MARAUDERS players and activity. No tat please, you are responsible for our image!
- Reporting scores of games and how we are doing in a competition.
- Your thoughts about tournaments and games coming up.

If you would like help with understanding social media please ask us and we will get an expert to contact you. As well as Social Media interaction we are always looking for guest rugby bloggers for our website – if you can help please let us know.

9 - RESOURCES

To help you to fundraise we aim to make the following resources available to you to use at all main competitions.

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| - Wrist bands | - Raffle Tickets and Prizes |
| - Membership Forms | - 100 Square Posters (see appendix) |



10 - PLAYER REGISTRATION FORM

It is important to complete the **Player Registration Form** to ensure you are properly insured to play. The team is registered as a Hampshire RFU Club and as such is affiliated to the RFU and obliged to adhere to RFU regulations. You can print a copy from the appendix or see your team manager.

11 - WOODEN SPOON PLAYER'S PACK TOOLKIT

This toolkit will give you all the resources you will need in order to play your part in your team's fundraising activities. In addition we will be running a season fundraising incentive where you can not only earn yourself some Kudos but also the player bringing in the highest amount of fundraising will win the end of season award. So here we go.....

ACTIVITY	WHAT TO DO NEXT?
1. Straight forward personal fundraising - Run a half marathon, cycle 50 miles, shave your hair off, hold a Spoon Event at your club, etc.	- Select your activity and go for it! Print off and use the sponsorship form at end of this Pack. - Talk to team managers, coaches, Matt or Billy for help with ideas and arrangements
2. 100 Square Draw - You have seen activities like this before, simply get people to enter a draw for a prize (like a raffle) - Donor gives a set amount of money and the lucky random winner takes the prize. We can supply prizes and materials	- Read the instruction at the end of this pack and discuss with your team manager, who will arrange for the resources to be mailed to you
3. Sponsorship -Sponsors' benefits packages can include a range of rewards by way of a thank you including presence on Wooden Spoon and Marauders' web sites, social media and publications such as Spoonnews. a) Sponsor-a-Player - £100+ b) Shirt sponsors - £400+ c) Shorts sponsors - £400+ d) Read the Marauders 2017 Sponsorship document	- Talk to team managers, coaches, Matt or Billy for help with ideas and arrangements. - Get friends family and connections to sponsor you and gift aid their donation to Wooden Spoon. - Introduce a company who would like to have their logo on our shirts. This is available for either Men's or Ladies Elite Shirts - Introduce a business sponsor to team managers, coaches, Matt or Billy for help with ideas and arrangements