



Killarney RFC Volunteering Brochure

A Word from the Club

There would be no club without volunteers. No children running around at training on a Saturday morning. No girls' rugby. No senior team toting out for a cup match.

This is all achieved through countless hours by volunteers, giving of their time. Every hour they give makes a difference. And so can you!

How? That depends on you.

We know time is key. Gone are the days of asking people to "Give a hand". Life is too hectic for all of us. Instead, our approach is to say "here is a role, here are the hours involved, are you interested?"

There are currently over 60 roles at the club so there are loads of positions within the club to choose from. There is a great blend of on and off the field activities (so don't worry if you still get flummoxed by the rules of rugby!!). We'll be publishing a more complete Volunteering Guide shortly but, in the meantime, please feel free to browse this brochure.

Don't see anything that interests you? No problem – just get in touch anyway and we can build a tailored role that suits your availability and skills. Killarney RFC is a club for everyone!

Remember, every hour makes a difference! Make yours!

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The One Hour Commitment

If you can't commit to a formal role, no problem. Instead, just give us an occasional hour of your time. There are so many ways in which you can make a difference in an hour:

- Church Gate and Flag Day collections;
- Selling Your Club, Your Country tickets
- Social media activities
- Club Sponsorship



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How can I help out at senior matches?

- **Film matches:** The senior team would ideally have all matches filmed for video analysis purposes. We would need a small team of volunteers to ensure someone is always available.
- **First aid:** Qualified in first aid? Willing to attend the occasional senior match (home and away)? Please let us know.
- **Live-tweet matches:** We need to raise the profile of our senior matches. Many of the neighbouring clubs are now live-tweeting their matches. If you attend or plan to attend senior matches then why not consider live-tweeting the action?
- **Seniors photographer:** The club needs more photos and videos to share on social media. If you're at a match anyway and handy with a camera we're looking for action shots.

How can I help out with the youths?

- **Youth coach:** Coaching experience would be preferred along with a decent knowledge of rugby. You will have the opportunity to do Munster coaching courses. All coaches must be vetted by the Child Welfare officer. Responsible for player development.
- **Youth mentor:** A current or former senior player? Unable to commit to coaching but still like to make a contribution? Then mentoring might be an option for you. This would involve being around the youth training during the week and providing the players with advice and support.
- **Transition Officer:** Adding a transition officer position to a club structure is a simple and effective way of addressing Youth player loss and will have tangible impact on the retention of players. Munster Rugby has recommended that we urgently recruit a Transition Officer.
- **Live-tweet matches:** If you attend or plan to attend youth matches then why not consider live-tweeting the action. Even providing HT/FT updates along with some action / team shots.
- **Youths photographer:** The club needs more photos and videos to share on social media and the newsletter. If you're at a match anyway and handy with a camera we're looking for action shots.

How can I help out at minis training?

- **Minis coach:** No experience is needed. Just a love of rugby and bags of energy and enthusiasm! You will have the opportunity to do Munster coaching courses so don't worry about the rules of rugby. First aid courses will also be offered. All coaches must be vetted by the Child Welfare officer.
- **Minis volunteer (non-coaching role):** Responsible for helping create a positive environment for parents at minis training. Run a social hub offering tea and coffee, engage with parents.



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- **Volunteer Coordinator:** Be the point of contact at minis training for anyone interested in volunteering. Chat to current volunteers.

- **Minis photographer:** The club needs more photos and videos to share on social media. If you're at training anyway and handy with a camera we're looking for action shots.

How can I help out with Club Events?

The club would ideally like to put in place a permanent Event Team to organise two or three major events a year. Such events could, for example, include: Open Day, Wine and Art Auction, Christmas Party, Fashion Show, Lip Sync. The Team would operate independently of the Management Committee and would consist of a number of Event Coordinators. These Event Coordinators would be responsible for planning each event and then calling upon outside volunteers from throughout the club to help with particular tasks. This would allow the club to organise more complex events on a regular basis and help spread the workload.

How can I help out with Fundraising?

Love of rugby alone will not pay the bills. It is a reality that the club is required to raise funds both to cover its day-to-day running costs but also to fund facility development. The club's income is split into four main sources: i) Public funding (i.e. grants). ii) Corporate sponsorship, iii) Membership and iv) Traditional fundraising activities (Your Club, Your Country, church gate and flag day collections).

Aside from Public Funding, the club needs additional volunteers in all the other areas. These roles are examples of how you could help:

Commercial Manager	Manage advertising and sponsorship programmes for the club to create sustainable income and use the club assets to its full potential.
Fundraising Coordinator	Plan, organise and lead a team to raise funds for the club.
Club Ambassador	Build the club's profile in the public and private sectors and help the Commercial Manager explore opportunities.
Membership Development Officer	To grow the club needs to increase the number of non-playing adult members. To facilitate this, the club should make membership as attractive as possible. The Membership Development Officer would therefore develop the package offered to club members (international tickets, reductions etc) while also seeking to entice back former members.