



INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Dear Parent/Carer/ Rider,

On behalf of Gosport BMX Club I would like to give you more information about the new BMX Club and our activities.

Gosport BMX Club was formed by a group of committed volunteers and riders following a Groundwork Solent Project to build a BMX track for Gosport Borough Council in 2006. The Club were successful in gaining a £1000 Community Grant from Gosport Borough Council in June to help us develop further provide tools, equipment and training for volunteers. A further grant of £49,500 has been gained improving all aspects of the track.

What we do: The Club aims to provide opportunities for young people (from 5yrs upwards) and adults to improve their riding skills and learn about BMX racing in an informal setting. Mountain bikes are also welcome.

The club currently offers informal coaching by experienced riders but we are in the process of getting key volunteers trained as British Cycling qualified coaches and first-aiders.

Child Protection & Welfare

In addition all key Club committee members will have Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) Checks to ensure their suitability for working with young people and undertake Sports Coach UK approved Safeguarding and Protecting Children Courses. Additionally the Club has it's own welfare officer who can be contacted if you have any queries or concerns.

Supporting Us: Parents are always welcome to attend training sessions and competitions. We are keen to try and involve parents in the club; come along and meet club members and officials.

Costs: The club has a small annual membership fee (see below) but riders can try the FIRST 3 weeks for FREE.

12 yrs and under	£5.00
13-17 yrs	£7.50
18 yrs and over	£10.00

N.B. Riders must become members before taking part in regular practice sessions and competitions in order to be covered by Gosport BMX Clubs public liability insurance.

Rider Safety: Whilst riding at the track within Club time riders must wear protective clothing as follows: Full face helmet and gloves (loan sets available for sessions)
Long sleeved t-shirt and long trousers (unless knee/ elbow pads are worn)
Please make sure that you or your child's bike is in safe working order prior to use at the track.

Travel Arrangements should be made for your child to travel to and from coaching sessions and competitions. We appreciate it if children can arrive and are collected promptly. If you are going to be late picking your child up, please inform a committee member on arrival.

