



To: Club Age Grade Chairperson  
Club Age Grade Secretary

CC: Council Members  
CB Hon Secretaries  
CB Youth Rugby Chairs

7<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Dear All

## **AGE GRADE CLUB RUGBY – NATIONAL ADVISORY GROUP**

Thank you for your on-going support and work locally to implement Age Grade Rugby within your club this season. We know that a great deal of work has been done to ensure that clubs, coaches and volunteers are delivering in line with the rules of play, competition calendar and competitive menu and we are grateful for your time and effort in this. We are also delighted that over 500 clubs and schools have signed up to the Old Mutual Wealth Kids First pledge, committing to delivering the highest standards within the club and we are sure that this is beginning to show positive results.

This year sees the introduction of a National Advisory Group to represent the views of the Age Grade club game. This group aims to ensure that Age Grade Clubs have specific input in the RFU decision-making process. It will provide a channel from our clubs to help shape the future of Age Grade rugby alongside education institutions.

The Age Grade Clubs Advisory Group wants to focus on the key challenges and opportunities in the club game. We will therefore be holding a series of meetings aimed at club Age Grade Chairman/Secretaries or those who take a key role in organising and delivering Age Grade Rugby in their clubs. These meetings are an opportunity to provide feedback and highlight where we should prioritise the efforts of the Advisory Group in the next 12 months and beyond.

We anticipate a good attendance so can only accommodate 2 individuals per club to represent the views of Age Grade teams, parents and volunteers.

The meetings schedule is as follows including the opportunity to attend an online forum for those unable to attend in person. Refreshments will be provided for those who attend.

| <b>Date</b>   | <b>Venue</b>        | <b>Address</b>   |
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| Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February<br>1900-2100              | Taunton RFC         | Hyde Park, Hyde Ln, Taunton, Somerset TA2 8BU                            |
| Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February<br>1900-2100               | Weetwood Hall Hotel | Weetwood Hall Hotel and Conference Centre<br>Otley Road, Leeds. LS16 5PS |
| Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February<br>1830-1930                 | Online Meeting      | Join by Phone: 020 8831 7679<br>Conference ID: 5678895                   |
| Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March<br>1230-1300                   | Online Meeting      | Join by Phone: 020 8831 7679<br>Conference ID: 5268895                   |
| Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March<br>1900-2100                   | Warwick School      | Halse Pavilion, Myton Road, Warwick , CV34 6PP                           |
| Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March<br>1730-1900 <i>or</i> 1930-2100 | Twickenham Stadium  | Rose Room - Twickenham Stadium, 200<br>Whitton Road, TW2 7BA             |
| Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> March<br>1900-2100                   | Newcastle Falcons   | 1877 Bar, Kingston Park, Brunton Rd,<br>Newcastle upon Tyne NE13 8AF     |

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We would be delighted if you were able to join us for one of these meetings. Please do confirm your availability and which meeting you will attend on the booking [link here](#)

We look forward to seeing you there and thank you again for your on-going support of all our players in Age Grade Rugby.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Saltmarsh', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Mark Saltmarsh**  
**Head of Education Development**