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## AGE GRADE OUT-OF-SEASON SUMMER ACTIVITY GUIDE

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APRIL 2022

TRAINING	FREQUENCY	1-2 SESSIONS PER WEEK (INC GAME FOR U12-18)	1-2 SESSIONS PER WEEK (INC GAME)	1-2 SESSIONS PER WEEK (INC GAME)	1-3 SESSIONS PER WEEK (INC GAME)
	INTENSITY	LOW	LOW - MEDIUM	MEDIUM	MEDIUM - HIGH
	TYPE	GENERAL FITNESS AND SKILLS MAX 20 MINS CONTACT FOR U14-18 ONLY PER WEEK	GENERAL FITNESS AND SKILLS MAX 20 MINUTES CONTACT PER WEEK	RUGBY FITNESS AND SKILLS MAX 30 MINUTES CONTACT PER WEEK	POSITION/GAME SPECIFIC SKILLS MAX 40 MINUTES CONTACT PER WEEK MAX 20 MINUTES CONTACT PER SESSION
	TIME	45 - 60 MINUTES + ACTIVATE	45 - 60 MINUTES + ACTIVATE	45 - 75 MINUTES + ACTIVATE	45 - 90 MINUTES + ACTIVATE
	TAG	U12 - U18 BOYS & GIRLS	U7 - U18 BOYS & GIRLS	U7 - U18 BOYS & GIRLS	U7 - U18 BOYS & GIRLS
	THE TOUCH UNION	U12 - U18 BOYS & GIRLS	U9 - U18 BOYS & GIRLS	U9 - U18 BOYS & GIRLS	U9 - U18 BOYS & GIRLS
	X RUGBY	U14 - 18 BOYS U15 & U18 GIRLS	U14 - 18 BOYS U15 & U18 GIRLS	U14 - U18 BOYS U15 & U18 GIRLS	U12 - 18 BOYS U12, 14, 16, 18 GIRLS BANDS
	GAME ON FORMAT (ADAPTED CONTACT TO FOLLOW)	X	X	X	U14 - 18 BOYS U14, 16, 18 GIRLS BANDS
FIXTURES	FIXTURES/FESTIVALS	1 X FIXTURE/FESTIVAL PER FORTNIGHT FOR U12-18 BOYS/GIRLS PER FORTNIGHT	1 X FIXTURE/FESTIVAL PER FORTNIGHT	1 X FIXTURE/FESTIVAL PER FORTNIGHT	3 X FIXTURES/FESTIVALS

THE FRAMEWORK IS A MENU TO CHOOSE FROM, YOU DON'T HAVE TO PLAY/TRAIN IN THE OFF SEASON. FOR THOSE THAT CHOOSE TO, THIS SHOWS THE MAXIMUM ACTIVITY PERMITTED EACH MONTH. ALL MATCHES ARE FRIENDLIES DUE TO BEING OUT OF SEASON.  
PLEASE REMEMBER PLAYERS MOVE TO THEIR NEW AGE GROUPS/BANDS ON 1st AUGUST

## Age Grade Rugby update and actions for clubs, schools and colleges

After positive feedback last year, an RFU Summer Activity Framework will again replace the normal age-grade out of season regulations for summer 2022. We hope this helps to continue

to address the impact the pandemic has had on player activity, retention and safety.

As communicated in July 2020, the current age-grade rugby season ends for clubs, schools and colleges on Monday 2 May. From 3 May, we move to out-of-season activity (except for U15 and U17 representative rugby, permitted until the end of May).

It is not compulsory to do summer rugby. Many choose to rest or participate in other sports/activities. However, this framework applies to any age-grade rugby activity that a club, school, college, or other organisation decides to run in the off-season.

The 2022 version is a hybrid of the usual regulations and 2021 Summer Framework. It maintains the regular out-of-season activity for U14+, provides more opportunity for U13 and below, and enables contact training progression, some friendly fixtures and more rugby formats.

**We stress this is not to create an extended season. It is to help player engagement with rugby and safe progression towards full contact next season.**

Please see the Activity Guide below and [click here](#) for the full detailed guidance and additional support. We encourage anyone planning summer activity to read it.



**Summer Activities Guide 2022.pdf**

329.9 KB



# Girls Age Bandings Implementation – Under 11s Clarification

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Thanks for the great progress being made by everyone in the girls' game to be ready for the new U12, U14, U16 and U18 age bands from next season.

We have received some questions about what Under 11 girls will be able to do next season. This is covered in our FAQs which you can find in the [Girls Age Banding section](#) on the England Rugby website.

The 2022–23 regulations are being finalised and will be available by June latest. Under 11/Year 6 regulations will provide more flexibility so that girls can:

- Continue to play U11 mixed rugby; and/or
- Play girls only U11 rugby; or
- ‘Play up’ into U12s, following appropriate sign-off by parents/guardians, coaches and Constituent Bodies following the assessment/approval requirements outlined in Regulation 15.3.

While the default priority in age-grade rugby is for players to always play in their own age grade/year group, regulation will enable U11 girls to play with U12 girls IF they are deemed ready.

We stress this is for individual girls who are physically and emotionally ready/equipped to ‘play up’ and able to miss some of the building blocks at U11. These are key factors and a vital part of the assessment and decision-making process. It is not carte-blanche for every U11 girl to

automatically play with the U12s. We recognise there can be a knock-on benefit to the U12 single age group of U11s playing up. However, the priority remains the safety of the individual player and playing out of age-grade remains the exception.

We know player numbers at U12 will need time to grow; every club having a full U12 squad in 2022-23 is unrealistic. However, taking the time to build this new single age band will make it a powerful and sustainable pillar of rugby's future.

# Applications For 2022-23 Women's Leagues & Allianz Inner Warrior Series

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Following the direct email to club GMS contacts last week, a reminder that the application for entry into the 2022-23 RFU women's league structure and the Allianz Inner Warrior Series is open. All new and existing teams are invited to complete the online entry form to confirm they wish to participate in the 2022-23 competition.

## Submit Entry

The deadline for entries is Sunday 24 April at 23:59.

[ENTRY FORM HERE](#)

## New Teams

New teams should refer to the below criteria document for guidance when selecting the appropriate entry point level. It would help to liaise with your local Competitions Development Officer to ensure appropriate placement. For any other queries, don't hesitate to get in touch with [womenscompetitions@rfu.com](mailto:womenscompetitions@rfu.com).



Womens League .pdf

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## Cup Competitions

Women's Cup Competitions will return for the 2022–23 seasons. Further information and entry process will be issued in the coming months.

# Reminder Of Payment Of Players - Regulation 7

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The 2022 Payment of Players declaration **closes on 30 June 2022**. It is mandatory for clubs whose men's first XV team play at Level 3 to Level 7 to complete this declaration in order to remain eligible for RFU Benefits.

## Clubs whose men's 1st XV plays in Levels 3–7

Clubs that do not submit a completed declaration within this period or declare that they paid above the set thresholds during the designated period will lose access to benefits for the 2022/23 season.

## Clubs whose men's 1st XV plays in Level 8 or below

The declaration must only be submitted if the club provides Material Benefits (as defined in Regulation 1) to players and/or engages a player-coach. They do not need to submit a completed declaration if they DO NOT provide Material Benefits to players and /or a player/coach. Therefore, these clubs will not lose access to RFU Benefits.

Regulation 7 (Payment of Players) can be found in full [here](#), which provides further information on thresholds and the definition of RFU Benefits.

A list of FAQs around Payment of Players declarations (Material Benefit and Regulatory) can be found [here](#).

A guide on submitting and authorising the declaration within the Game Management System can be downloaded [here](#).

For any queries around Payment of Players, please visit our [Help Portal](#).

# FREE Introduction To Rugby Training Courses – Summer 2022 – BOOKING NOW OPEN!

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We have listened carefully to schools, colleges and universities about the high demand to have rugby trained teachers and coaches across the education sector. This joint ambition is increasingly important to reassure staff, leaders, governing bodies and parents about our ongoing drive for an inclusive, attractive and safe game.

A nationwide summer training programme of FREE introduction to rugby courses has been launched. Funded by England Schools RFU and England Colleges RFU, 60 courses based on Kids First Contact courses will run across the country in May and June.

The programme is targeted at staff and students across the education sector and has been designed according to feedback on when they have most availability to attend courses – in the summer term and weekdays.

These courses are ideal for all rugby deliverers; including staff new to delivering contact rugby, as a refresher, or as a stepping stone to the England Rugby Coaching Award in the autumn.

In addition to these Kids First Contact courses, a programme of eight regional development days, aimed at anyone delivering in Education or the Age Grade game will be taking place in June.

Please click here for the [Summer Training Course flier](#), which includes a booking link to each of the courses. We believe every school, college and university with a rugby programme will have staff and/or students who will benefit from attending – please pass this on so they can book on a local course.

User induced contact format, those new to delivering contact rugby or those supporting delivery of the contact game. English Rugby recommends that anyone delivering contact rugby is safely qualified and the risk to others is minimised.

Courses are 8 hours and cover how to safely introduce and refine the tackle, scrum (3 player screen) and the contact lineout with modules on player safety, refereeing and core values.

Courses on PMS are can be found on the link below:

County	Date	Booking Link	Venue
Cornwall	20th June	<a href="https://bit.ly/3qDmQzI">https://bit.ly/3qDmQzI</a>	Torquay and Penwith College
	25th June	<a href="https://bit.ly/3qDmQzI">https://bit.ly/3qDmQzI</a>	Unknown RFC
Devon	14th June	<a href="https://bit.ly/3pDQZPQ">https://bit.ly/3pDQZPQ</a>	Exeter College
	19th June	<a href="https://bit.ly/3pDQZPQ">https://bit.ly/3pDQZPQ</a>	Exeter Community College
Somerset	15th May	<a href="https://bit.ly/3pDQZPQ">https://bit.ly/3pDQZPQ</a>	Castle Cary RFC
Dorset and Wiltshire	16th May	<a href="https://bit.ly/3pDQZPQ">https://bit.ly/3pDQZPQ</a>	Wiltshire County Cricket Club
Gloscestershire	21st June	<a href="https://bit.ly/3pDQZPQ">https://bit.ly/3pDQZPQ</a>	Cheltenham College
Gloucestershire	28th June	<a href="https://bit.ly/3pDQZPQ">https://bit.ly/3pDQZPQ</a>	Bromsgrove School
Defensives	14th June	<a href="https://bit.ly/3pDQZPQ">https://bit.ly/3pDQZPQ</a>	North Devonshire Academy
Berkshire	14th June	<a href="https://bit.ly/3pDQZPQ">https://bit.ly/3pDQZPQ</a>	Arlington School
Buckinghamshire	21st May	<a href="https://bit.ly/3pDQZPQ">https://bit.ly/3pDQZPQ</a>	University of Buckingham
Hampshire	24th May	<a href="https://bit.ly/3pDQZPQ">https://bit.ly/3pDQZPQ</a>	Winchester High School
Surrey	28th June	<a href="https://bit.ly/3pDQZPQ">https://bit.ly/3pDQZPQ</a>	Court Moor School (Prest)
Surrey	29th June	<a href="https://bit.ly/3pDQZPQ">https://bit.ly/3pDQZPQ</a>	St John's Leatherhead
Sussex	22nd June	<a href="https://bit.ly/3pDQZPQ">https://bit.ly/3pDQZPQ</a>	Midhurst Rother College
Kent	25th May	<a href="https://bit.ly/3pDQZPQ">https://bit.ly/3pDQZPQ</a>	Canterbury Christ Church
Middlesex	10th May	<a href="https://bit.ly/3pDQZPQ">https://bit.ly/3pDQZPQ</a>	Chiswick RFC
Essex	4th May	<a href="https://bit.ly/3pDQZPQ">https://bit.ly/3pDQZPQ</a>	Dover Measor RFC
Hertfordshire	29th June	<a href="https://bit.ly/3pDQZPQ">https://bit.ly/3pDQZPQ</a>	St Martins School
Hertfordshire	23rd June	<a href="https://bit.ly/3pDQZPQ">https://bit.ly/3pDQZPQ</a>	The Bonham's Chipping Hall

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Worcestershire	20th June	<a href="https://bit.ly/3qHgjwU">https://bit.ly/3qHgjwU</a>	Coventry University
East Midlands	12th May	<a href="https://bit.ly/3qHgjwU">https://bit.ly/3qHgjwU</a>	Bedford Modern School
	29th June	<a href="https://bit.ly/3qHgjwU">https://bit.ly/3qHgjwU</a>	Nottinghamshire
Leicestershire	20th May	<a href="https://bit.ly/3qHgjwU">https://bit.ly/3qHgjwU</a>	Luton Rugby Club
Notts, Lincoln and Derbyshire	12th May	<a href="https://bit.ly/3qHgjwU">https://bit.ly/3qHgjwU</a>	Leicester Forest SSC
Notts, Lincoln and Derbyshire	18th May	<a href="https://bit.ly/3qHgjwU">https://bit.ly/3qHgjwU</a>	Lincoln RFC
Notts, Lincoln and Derbyshire	25th May	<a href="https://bit.ly/3qHgjwU">https://bit.ly/3qHgjwU</a>	University of Nottingham
Derbyshire	18th May	<a href="https://bit.ly/3qHgjwU">https://bit.ly/3qHgjwU</a>	Outwood Academy Newbold
Eastern Counties	25th May	<a href="https://bit.ly/3qHgjwU">https://bit.ly/3qHgjwU</a>	City of London
Northumberland	13th May	<a href="https://bit.ly/3qHgjwU">https://bit.ly/3qHgjwU</a>	Cambridge Community College
	28th June	<a href="https://bit.ly/3qHgjwU">https://bit.ly/3qHgjwU</a>	Foxton High School
Durham	4th May	<a href="https://bit.ly/3qHgjwU">https://bit.ly/3qHgjwU</a>	Harton School
Cumbria	8th June	<a href="https://bit.ly/3qHgjwU">https://bit.ly/3qHgjwU</a>	Igglewick RSC
	15th June	<a href="https://bit.ly/3qHgjwU">https://bit.ly/3qHgjwU</a>	Wigton School
Lancashire	20th May	<a href="https://bit.ly/3qHgjwU">https://bit.ly/3qHgjwU</a>	Wigan and Leigh Academy
	27th June	<a href="https://bit.ly/3qHgjwU">https://bit.ly/3qHgjwU</a>	Marine Height Community College
Cheshire	28th June	<a href="https://bit.ly/3qHgjwU">https://bit.ly/3qHgjwU</a>	Birkenhead School
Yorkshire	12th May	<a href="https://bit.ly/3qHgjwU">https://bit.ly/3qHgjwU</a>	Scarborough College
	28th June	<a href="https://bit.ly/3qHgjwU">https://bit.ly/3qHgjwU</a>	Woodhouse Grove School

For any Game Management System (GMS) enquiries please visit: <https://bit.ly/3vLcUuU>  
For further information on X-Highly please [click here](https://bit.ly/3vLcUuU).

England Rugby recommends anyone delivering contact has completed their on-line concussion awareness training - HEADLINE: <https://bit.ly/3vLcUuU> to complete.

## 2022 Kids First Contact flyer - ERFSU.pdf

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# Game Management System (GMS) Review & Future Platform For Rugby recommendations

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Last week we shared the findings from Deloitte's independent review of the Game Management System. Thank you to everyone who provided feedback on clubs' needs and priorities from a digital Platform for Rugby to help them run the game.

You can read the recommendations and watch the accompanying video on our [Platform for Rugby](#) page.

The RFU has listened to Deloitte's recommendations and understands the importance of putting the user at the heart of decision-making as we develop a Platform for Rugby that supports the wide variety of roles within the game. As part of this user-centric approach, we will prioritise recommendations to simplify processes and make navigation more intuitive.

To build on your feedback and to increase two-way communication, we will also create five new Platform for Rugby user groups who will be instrumental in continuing to help us understand the game's priorities for the system.

To express your interest in being part of one of our new user groups, click [here](#).



[Platform for Rugby Final Review.pdf](#)

2.4 MB



