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Community Game Update 22/03/2022

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	YEAR 7 UNDER 12	YEAR 8 UNDER 13	YEAR 9 UNDER 14	YEAR 10 UNDER 15	YEAR 11 UNDER 16	YEAR 12 UNDER 17	YEAR 13 UNDER 18
CURRENT	U13		U15		U18		
NEW	U12 GIRLS SINGLE AGE BAND*	U14 GIRLS DUAL AGE BAND		U16 GIRLS DUAL AGE BAND		U18 GIRLS DUAL AGE BAND	
RULES OF PLAY	REG 15 APPENDIX 6 (ALIGNED TO U12 BOYS)	REG 15 APPENDIX 8 (ALIGNED TO U14 BOYS)		REG 15 APPENDIX 9 (ALIGNED TO U15-18 BOYS)		REG 15 APPENDIX 9 (ALIGNED TO U15-18 BOYS)	

Visit www.englandrugby.com/regulations

*Please read additional detail regarding flexibility for U11s

Helping you to Get Ready

The game is now in a great position to move to four new U12, U14, U16 and U18 age bands from the current three. We want to continue our help to CBs, clubs, schools, colleges, organisers, coaches, referees, parents and players with this change in the girls' game.

Over the next two months and into the summer, we will share tools and resources to help increase awareness and support everyone getting ready for the kick-off next season. This series begins with:

- **Girls Age Banding Changes Details** – click [here](#) for more information and FAQs. This web page will provide a “hub” for the support we have available.
- **Volunteer Inclusive Recruitment Toolkit** – helping to build the management and coaching teams that will lead your girls squads and particularly in the brand new Under 12 age band. Some excellent tools and tips for clubs, schools and colleges right [here](#).
- **Summer Term Touch Union for Girls in Schools & Colleges** – if you are a school/college teacher with a group of girls wanting to try rugby through The Touch Union this summer, please let us know using the form on this [link](#). We will help connect you with other schools and colleges in your area to stage fun, pitch up and play festivals during the summer term, linked to rugby clubs.

Please keep a lookout for more on future Community Game Updates and our social media channels.

World Cup winner Mike Tindall tells us why he got 'Back in the Game'



We have seen some fantastic examples of players 'Back in the Game' over the last three weeks across the country such as:

“First rugby training at a new club tonight. Absolutely loved it. So welcoming and a real feel good atmosphere. Can't wait to get stuck into grassroots club rugby again. You don't realise how much you missed it until you get back in. Cracking stuff.”

- Jacob Barr

Below you can see World Cup winner Mike Tindall talking about why he still plays at his local club Minchinhampton RFC and the mental and physical benefits rugby can give you.

Support for this campaign has been seen across the game including a special episode of [The Good, The Bad, and The Grassroots Rugby](#), social media support from [The Rugby Guy](#) and [The Rugby Trainer](#) and ex-players all encouraging players to get 'Back in the Game'

Continue to help promote 'Back in the Game' at your local club by using these [resources](#)



Mike Tindall speaks while training at Minchinhampton RFC

International Ticketing Allocation Reminder



So far this season 890 clubs have used the Team Management module in the Game Management System (GMS) to record around 17,000 15-a-side fixtures and results. This does not include matches in a variety of competitions, such as the RFU leagues, which are recorded automatically.

If your club hasn't done so already, we encourage club administrators to enter their other fixtures accurately via the Team Management module. By entering these fixtures they can be added to your indicative allocation at the end of this season.

The new ticket entitlements will be in place for the Guinness Six Nations 2024. We will be sending an indicative allocation this coming summer, based on the fixtures for season **2021-22**. All fixtures uploaded by Friday 20 May 2022 will be used to calculate your indicative allocation.

Employment in a sports club - webinar

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Club Legal Webinar

Employment issues in a sports club - tackling discipline, grievances and termination

Thursday 31 March 2022
7pm - 8.15pm



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See the link below to register

Sports clubs are often run by a mixture of paid staff and volunteers who have a love for the sport. But what happens when the relationship breaks down?

This club legal webinar, brought to you by Irwin Mitchell, our official legal partner, will look at when things go wrong. Legal experts will answer your employment law questions on discipline procedures, how to manage grievances, and termination so that you can gain insight and a greater understanding of what you can and can't do should these situations arise.

When	Time	Register
31 March	7:00 pm	Click here

The Touch Union is officially here!



We've had a fantastic launch so far with over 150 club sessions being listed; plus schools, colleges and universities joining from across the country.

As part of the launch, this new format took centre stage at half-time of the England v Ireland game at Twickenham, where Salford City Academy's girls' team took to the hallowed turf to demonstrate the rules and how it is played.

Alongside this, former England 7s star Ollie Phillips announced he would be taking part in a Touch Union session at a club local to him to not only improve his fitness but also to aid in his journey into getting back playing grassroots rugby.

To aid any clubs or centres who have already signed up to The Touch Union, we now have a resources centre to allow you to effectively promote your sessions both online and offline. You can find all of this by visiting englandrugby.com/resources

Every new centre that signs up will receive a free starter pack to help aid their introduction of The Touch Union. For more information on this or for those not yet signed up but would be interested in doing so, please email TheTouchUnion@rfu.com



Help with training reports and verification emails - videos



As we head into the end of the season, we understand some clubs will want to look at how they are set for next year in terms of coaches and volunteers. The club training reports in the Game Management System is an easy way to see who has attended RFU training courses including first aid training, safeguarding and DBS checks and many more. Below is a short video we hope will help clubs in preparation for next season.

We would also like to share a second video, which we hope will help with club and CB data. There is an option to send emails via GMS asking those members who are associated with your club to verify their email addresses. This is a way to make sure that those associated with your club can receive any information they need and makes updating their details easier.

[Club training report help](#)

[Verification email help](#)

Legislative changes impacting the use of red diesel



Reform of rebated (red diesel) fuel entitlement

From 1 April 2022, rebated diesel (known as red diesel) and rebated biofuels will no longer be allowed to be used as they are currently.

1. When can rebated fuel be used from 1 April 2022?

- You can use rebated fuel in agricultural vehicles and unlicensed vehicles kept and used on land maintained by a club that is registered with HMRC as a community amateur sports club (CASC). You can also use rebated fuel in any machines or appliances (other than vehicles) being used in these venues. This includes heating and lighting buildings, such as clubhouses and changing rooms. Please refer to the GOV.UK for full details via this [link](#)

To check if your club is a CASC please refer to the following GOV.UK website on this [link](#)

1. What if I'm not a CASC?

- From 1 April 2022, you must not put rebated fuel into the tank of a vehicle, vessel, machine or appliance that is not allowed to use it. For full details refer to the following GOV.UK website on this [link](#)