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Community Game Update

With the season underway for both adult and age grade rugby, we would like to remind clubs of some important information including Rugby Safe, Activate, HEADCASE and the suspected concussion tool on Electronic Match Cards. Click read online to find player welfare resources.

[Read Online](#)

1. ACTION REQUIRED

2022 GMS Club Safeguarding Audit is now live

Any club offering Age Grade rugby or wishing to have 17-year-olds playing adult rugby, will need to complete a club safeguarding audit by 31 December 2022. You can find out how and where to complete the audit in this section.

2. ACTION IF OF INTEREST

Game On - Every Game Matters

Game On provides teams with a flexibility of options to play matches even if they don't have a full 15. Hear from Old Grammarians RFC who benefitted from using the Game On framework and find out how you could make it work for you.

GMS Update and Technical Support

On Sunday 4 September, the Game Management System (GMS) experienced significant performance issues and we apologise for the inconvenience this caused. We are working with our third-party provider First Sport International (FSI) to understand the root cause. We have included a reminder of the technical support available to clubs during the week and at weekends.

#GrassrootsBeauts - Your tries on national television!

#GrassrootsBeauts is returning this season on the ITV highlights show. If you have a great try from your games, post it on twitter, tag in @RFU and @premrugby using #GrassrootsBeauts and you might see it on TV! You can see last year's montage online

The Community Rugby Injury Surveillance & Prevention (CRISP) Project

As we continue our advancements in player welfare, we are looking for teams, both adult and age grade, to take part in the 2022/2023 CRISP project. You can discover more information on how to take part in this section.

3. FOR AWARENESS

How to make the most of the national participation campaign and Pitch Up

Take some time out to watch our social media webinar explaining how clubs can engage in the Play Together Stay Together campaign and grow numbers. A summary of content available to share with players is contained in this communication.

Age Grade Rugby 2022-23

With Age Grade rugby now underway, here are the regulations and some guidance on, playing out of age grade, how to manage 17-year-olds playing adult rugby, girls age-banding, and affiliation of all age grade players. To find out more on each of these topics read on.

Important notice if clubs are contacted about VAT on fuel and power

We have been contacted by clubs regarding 'Utility Consultants/Brokers' who have suggested they have been paying too much VAT, which is unlikely. If you have any questions regarding this you can contact our club VAT advisor Russell Moore whose details are included online.

Football Foundation announce investment in multi-sport facilities

With the launch of the PitchPower app on 17/18 September, the Football Foundation has agreed to invest £92 million over the next three years into multi-sport projects, including rugby. To find out more about the announcement, read this story.

Premier 15s enters next exciting stage of tender process

The next stage of the tender process for the third cycle of the Premier 15s kicked off at the beginning of September. This stage invites all clubs who have formally expressed an interest in joining the league to respond. More details can be found online.

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