

Return to Rugby

Please share with coaches, players and RugbySafe leads.

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RugbySafe, Activate & HEADCASE Concussion awareness refresher 2021/22

Ahead of the new season, we are sharing a reminder of player welfare resources and training and education programmes.

Player welfare is at the heart of all training delivered to coaches, match officials and medics at all levels of the game in England.

On the below buttons, you will find RugbySafe summaries for the age grade and adult game.

Please share this information as widely as possible before pre-season friendlies start.

[Age Grade RugbySafe](#)

[Adult RugbySafe](#)



Age grade law adaptations and annual affiliation

The [Summer Activity Guide](#) includes the introduction of adapted contact laws for up to three fixtures in August.

The Age Grade Adapted Contact 15s Law Variations are available on the [Summer Activity page](#). These include the re-introduction of scrums and mauls in a gradual and managed way from Saturday 7 August, following the 3-week training period from Monday 19 July. These adapted laws are the format to be played, (along with non-contact and XRugby formats if preferred), before the age grade game moves back to full contact from Saturday 4 September, when the new season starts.

Age grade affiliation and auto-de-affiliation – Wednesday 4 August

The annual registration for our age grade players is on the horizon. As recently referenced in Community Game Updates, registration will now be referred to as Affiliation which will be ready from 4 August. We will centrally de-affiliate all age grade players in the Game Management System which many clubs chose to do last year.

As before, this will simply turn their status from an active to inactive player. It will not delete any of their data or club and profile links. It enables the parent/player to renew their affiliation simply through logging in, checking their existing details and saving to re-affiliate to their club for the season. There are helpful step-by-step guides for the renewal process and for brand new affiliations on the GMS Help Portal.

While most clubs will promote this from September, increasing numbers have said they want to get ahead of the curve. Club Registrars will be able to see this activity through their dashboard and the system-generated reports.

[Affiliation Renewal](#)

[GMS Help Portal](#)



Update on Training Course Booking Administration

After a highly successful 10 year partnership with Leeds Beckett University, and more than 200,000 bookings on courses across the game, we are changing how we support participation on training courses.

There is no change to how an individual books onto a course, bookings and searching for courses remain online, but support will now move to the Club Support Centre. Participants will be able to find solutions in our FAQs or by contacting the helpdesk.

The new support system will take effect from Saturday 1 August so please pass this on to anyone booking an England Rugby course. None of this will impact anyone already undertaking courses, or those who have booked courses due to take place in the future.

[**Club Support Centre**](#)

[**Course Finder**](#)



Diversity and Inclusion hub now live

We have launched our Diversity and Inclusion Hub on [EnglandRugby.com](https://www.englandrugby.com).

Here, you can find further information on:

- **Training and education resources** to support CBs, clubs and members.
- **RFU Diversity & Inclusion Action Plan** - aiming to improve diversity in all areas of our game, as we continue to provide an inclusive environment for all.
- **RFU's Diversity, Equality & Inclusion Policy.**
- **RFU Council D&I Implementation Working Group** - made of nine experienced volunteers recruited from across England to represent the game. The group's remit is to implement 10 recommendations approved by RFU Council in the [Game Leadership work stream](#).
- **Independent Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Group** which will provide insights to shape and adapt plans across the four D&I work streams, as well as challenge the RFU on its progress in delivering on its diversity and inclusion goals.
- How to report an issue you or your club may be experiencing.

[D&I Hub](#)

[D&I Workstreams](#)



Pitch Up for Rugby including Warrior Camps

We will soon contact clubs who have registered interest in hosting a 'Pitch Up For Rugby' event to confirm their plans for the day(s) so we can add them to England Rugby's 'Find Rugby' page and see how we can best support you to prepare.

We will ask for details on event timings and planned activities, so please start

to have a think about this if you haven't already.

If you provided contact details for your club social media lead, we will invite them to join the closed Facebook group this week and begin to share tips and ideas to start promoting your event.

There is still time to get involved in Pitch Up for Rugby by [registering your interest](#).

Warrior Camps

We have had a good take up from clubs wanting to host Warrior Camps in August and September, with some clubs choosing to run a Warrior Camp as part of their 'Pitch Up' activity between 4-12 September.

This is a great opportunity to welcome players who are either returning to the game or joining for the first time.

You can register your Warrior Camp via the link below. If you have any questions, please get in touch via innerwarrior@rfu.com

- [Download Digital Assets to promote your Warrior Camp.](#)
- [Download an Inner Warrior session plan.](#)

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[Register Now](#)



News round up

World Rugby Global Law Trials

This week we have received confirmation around World Rugby's Global Law Trials which you can access and share through the link below.

[Read more](#)

O2 Touch Summer Celebrations

A massive thank you to all our host centres and volunteers who worked so hard to make the weekend a wonderful celebration of the O2 Touch community and the people who are part of it.

If you weren't able to join us and missed seeing the action, check out some of the highlights on our O2 Touch [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) pages.

[Watch Here](#)

Future Competition Structure reminder

Following RFU Council approval of changes to the adult male game at levels 3 and below, we are keen to ensure ahead of the 2021/22 season that teams are fully aware of changes that will be implemented to the league structure in the 2022-23 season.

Full details of how changes will affect promotion and relegation in the 2021-22 season will be published in early August. This will ensure all teams start the season knowing how their finishing league position will affect what league they play in the following season.

[Read more](#)

Long Eaton aiming for Guinness World Record

Good luck to Long Eaton RFC who are going for the Guinness World record for the largest single training session when they meet on Sunday 19 September.

[Read more](#)