Rugby Report

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Start of the season has been positive, we've seen some very good fixtures played with some impressive results so hopefully this continues.

Lots of new alternative forms of rugby now starting to appear, particularly in the form of touch rugby which is excellent. Newcastle Ravens as a specific mention are a superb example of this running well at the moment.

Age Grade Combined teams still continue to be an issue, the guidance we've had from the RFU and CB liaison team is that we cannot blanket block teams from running combined teams as guidelines stipulate they can, but the CB does have the final say on whether these teams are approved - I believe a case by case approach is probably needed in this instance to determine whether they are approved or not. Mark has kindly said he will review these applications.

We're still awaiting any news or update from the RFU regarding a change in regulations for representative rugby at the U20s and Senior levels.... The last information we received was that some rules and regulations were being written and that they would be with Governance for ratification around November time.... The deadline to submit divisional preferences for the above teams falls within mid October.... So you can see the issue we have once again this season. We are pressing RFU colleagues for a more expedited response but at the moment these are the timescales we are working to.

Updates (Lucy may have already mentioned) - CANDY leagues now under CB supervision - to put on record a thanks to Craig for his hard work and commitment to the running of said league over a number of years.

Update on DPP activity and concerns already shared to the board via Gary, this is ongoing and may be lengthy in process. Any information deemed relevant will be shared with Board Colleagues as necessary.

Issues requiring Decision, Discussion or Dissemination

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