Project and Budget Brief Sheet Season 2025-26

Portfolio Director	Tony Lenderyou
Person Running Project / Event	Craig Johnston

Project / Event Descriptor (Aims / Targets)

Adult Men County Cup Competitions
Senior Cup Competition
Senior Plate Competition
Senior Bowl Competition
No2 Cup Competition
No2 Plate Competition
No3 Cup Competition
No3 Plate Competition
No4 Cup Competition
No4 Plate Competition
Approx. 450 players participating in the above Finals.

Cup Rules for season 2025-26 – aim, whilst complying with the rules, is to encourage more matches to take place.

Cup Match Cards have been reviewed for season 2025-26 – aim, to identify anyone not cup tied (did not play in first round) and to identify anyone who may have played at a higher level in previous weeks.

Clubs are being encouraged to communicate with each other – get games played and played in the right spirit.

Provision has also been made to allow double headers – combining league matches with cup matches if the draws allow.
(If a draw on 80 mins, extra time is only applicable to the cup element of the fixture).

Game On applies to Cup Matches.

Draws for all of the above competitions have already taken place and dates of matches are now being received and some are being played as joint league and cup matches.

Note. The No5 / Vets Cup Final is noted on separate project sheet as runs as a one day event.

Pitch / Facility Hire		
Catering (@£7pp)	9 Finals x 50 players per final @ £7pp	£3,150
Referees (@£25 per referee)	9 Finals x one team of three for each @ £75	£675

Pitchside Physio Provision (County Physio @ £30 per hour)	Normally covered by participating teams but provision of £150 put in to budget to ensure cover is not an issue	£150
Trophy (Purchase)	One Plate and One Bowl @ £50 each	£100
Trophy (Engraving)	Seven Trophies @ £25 each	£175
Medals (@£1.75 each)		
Changing Room Beer for Finalists	9 Finals x 2 teams @ £75 per final (also includes the referees)	£675
Cup Winners – Framed Photos	9 Framed Photos @ £50 each (Losing finalists will have their squad photo mailed to club)	£450
Cup Winners - Presentations Evening	9 Finals x 3 players and 1 coach @ £10pp = 9 Teams x £40	£360
Total Costs to run event / project		£5,735

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Vets Cup Competition (No5 Cup)

Runs as a one day "Good Friday Vets Cup Competition" – on Good Friday.
Around x 7 participating teams.

Events is overseen by Simon Cox and is part of the CB Vets circuit.

Event is run to very flexible rules with barbarians teams encouraged – basically anyone who wants to play can play.

Players who have played in the No3 and the No4 Cups are not cup tied.

Approx 125 players participating on the day.

Season 2025-26 Event:
Good Friday – 3rd April 2026 at (tbc) Alnwick RFC, 3pm ko

Pitchside physio provision to be added to this event as these teams normally don't have anyone with them and given numbers involved, CB Medical Lead agrees provision should be put in place for this event.

Pitch / Facility Hire		
Catering (@£6pp)	7 teams x 25 per team	£1,050
Referees (@£25 per referee)	3 referees	£75
Pitchside Physio Provision (County Physio @ £30 per hour)	4 hours @ £30 hour	£120
Trophy (Purchase)		
Trophy (Engraving)	One cup	£25
Medals (@£1.75 each)		
Changing Room Beer for Finalists	7 teams @ £30 per final (also includes the referees)	£210
Cup Winners – Framed Photos	1 Framed Photo @ £50 each	£50

	(Losing finalists will have their squad photo mailed to club)	
Cup Winners - Presentations Evening	1 Winner x 3 players and 1 coach @ £10pp = £40	£40
Total Costs to run event / project		£1,570

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Friday Night Under Lights Vets Rugby

Provisional dates and venues for the 2025/26 season:
Friday 19th September 2025 @ Jarrovians (7pm ko)
Friday 21st November 2025 @ Ashington (7pm ko)
Friday 16th January 2026 @ WB Rockliff / AGP (7pm ko)
Friday 6th March 2026 @ Novos (7pm ko) - proposed bringing forward for greater Cup date separation
Friday 1st May 2026 @ Morpeth VetFest / Beer Festival (6.30pm ko)

(March date has been brought forward this year as Easter is early in April (Vets Cup)).

Jarrovians have been added to the circuit as they played at every event last season as a guest team. Numbers from Blyth, who have traditionally had the first date in September, have dropped significantly so following discussion and agreement with the core clubs (including Blyth), Simon has offered the September date to Jarrovians.

Host clubs normally receive a "hosting event" figure of approx. £350. This is to cover all costs – pitch, floodlights, cleaning of changing rooms, post match food, referees, physio cover for the event they are hosting. Jarrovians will be self funded.

There are normally around 70 players at each event.

Pitch / Facility Hire	4 host clubs x £350	£1,400
Catering (@£6pp)		
Referees (@£25 per referee)		
Pitchside Physio Provision (County Physio @ £30 per hour)		
Trophy (Purchase)		
Trophy (Engraving)		
Medals (@£1.75 each)		
Total Costs to run event / project		£1,400

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CANDY Leagues, Merit League and Vets League
CANDY1
CANDY2N
CANDY 2S
CANDY3N
CANDY3S
CANDY3C
Merit League
Vets League

These are funded through the Merit League funding application submitted each season to the RFU. Figures for new season 25-26 are not yet known – working on approx. £500 per league, with funding awarded based around 70%+ of matches played (to receive full amount) but until funding criteria for 25-26 is received this cannot be confirmed.

Associated costs – trophies for league winners, cost of the county office mobile phone (results and fixture exchange), attendance at end of season presentations evening.

There is a new league this season – CANDY 3 Central. Feedback last year was that some of the leagues were too big and with the addition of five new teams this season a re structure was necessary. Clubs are engaged in the new structure and had input on the ideas so these leagues are very much run with input from those participating.

Merit League is for ad hoc fixtures picked up through the fixture exchange.

Rules have also been amended over the summer to help clubs get games on. "Game On" applies in every single league, there is provision for a lack of front row (uncontested scrums allowed) and second row (can remove competitive lineouts) and provision has now been made for bad weather and cup cancellations (again following feedback from last years campaign).

With the work that has been done over the summer with the re structure and the rules revision, these leagues should provide some really good competition in season 25-26.

Pitch / Facility Hire		
Catering (@£6pp)		
Referees (@£25 per referee)		

Pitchside Physio Provision (County Physio @ £30 per hour)		
Trophy (Purchase)	9 leagues x £45 per trophy	£405
Trophy (Engraving)		
Medals (@£1.75 each)		
League Winners - Presentations Evening	9 leagues x 3 players and 1 coach @£10pp	£360
Total Costs to run event / project		£765