NON RFU LEAGUE AND CUP COMPETITIONS GUIDANCE

England Rugby

RFU COMPETITIONS HAVE BEEN **DELAYED** AND WILL START **LATER IN SEPTEMBER.** HOWEVER, IF CONDITIONS AND PLAYER READINESS ALLOWS, OTHER MATCHES CAN GO AHEAD TO HELP PREPARE FOR THE COMPETITIVE SEASON. THIS IS SUBJECT TO **RISK ASSESSMENTS** AND ADAPTATIONS AND THE FOLLOWING CONSIDERATIONS MUST BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT:

KEY CONSIDERATIONS FOR COMPETITION ORGANISERS:

Have both teams and the match official been spoken to and a risk assessment carried out and recorded?

PITCH GUIDANCE MATCH OFFICIAL GUIDANCE

Does the activity need to take place, or can it be rearranged to another date?

Can the match format be adapted (T1 Rugby, uncontested scrums, shorter match lengths etc.)?

T1 RUGBY RESOURCES GAME ON RESOURCES

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AGP BOOKING

TEAMS WHO ARE **UNABLE** TO PLAY BECAUSE OF POOR PITCH CONDITIONS OR LACK OF PLAYER READINESS SHOULD **NOT** BE AT A DISADVANTAGE IN RELATION TO THE COMPETITION REGULATIONS.

KEY CONSIDERATIONS FOR CLUBS, SCHOOLS, COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES:

Has any guidance been released by your local Constituent Body? If yes, follow this.

Have playing surfaces been assessed and a risk assessment carried out?

PITCH GUIDANCE

Have your players had appropriate opportunities to participate in contact training?

COACHING GUIDANCE & ACTIVATE

Have you reached out to opposition teams to ask about their player readiness?

CLUBS, SCHOOLS, COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ARE **RESPONSIBLE** FOR DETERMINING WHETHER OR **NOT** THEIR PITCHES ARE PLAYABLE AND PLAYERS ARE MATCH READY.