

## Online risk assessment tool created for clubs

### **For info: CBs & Clubs**

As an RFU affiliated club, it is important that you keep the whole of the club as safe as possible and this applies as much off the pitch as well as on it. Your club will be visited by hundreds, if not thousands, of people each year and you have a duty to ensure that your premises, including your clubhouse, car park and grounds are safe.

To help clubs to assess the risks within your premises, our insurance broker Howden has worked with the RFU to create an online risk assessment tool (printed versions now available also).

Here you will find a number of simple, easy to manage risk assessments, each designed to help you through the process, with guidance on what risks you need to consider and how you can best manage them.

Click [here](#) to start your risk assessments.

For more information, please contact Alex Thompson ([alexthompson@rfu.com](mailto:alexthompson@rfu.com)).

## One week left to nominate in the Mitsubishi Motors Volunteer of the Year Awards

### **For action: CBs & Clubs**

The Mitsubishi Motors Volunteer of the Year Awards aim to identify and thank volunteers for their valuable and outstanding work across the game in clubs, referee societies, schools, colleges and universities. No matter what the role – on or off the pitch, behind the scenes or on the committee, the RFU and Mitsubishi Motors want you to nominate the volunteers who are doing a great job - day in, day out.

Don't miss the opportunity. Nominations close at midnight on Sunday 25th February. Click [here](#) to make a nomination.

For more information, please contact Amber Lewis ([amberlewis@rfu.com](mailto:amberlewis@rfu.com)).

### **For info: Clubs**

If you're looking to help your club for the first time with the Game Management System (GMS), here's a little introduction on what the system is about, and the help and support available to you, as a user. All of this information can be found on the GMS Hub, with an easy to remember web address of [www.englandrugby.com/gms](http://www.englandrugby.com/gms).

Below are links that will take you straight to parts of the hub you may be most interested in. These are:

- To find out what GMS is, and discover what the system is about, click [here](#).
- To discover what's new in GMS, and to hear about how other clubs are using the system, click [here](#).
- To access a wealth of training and support material, click [here](#).
- To find out what's upcoming, and what might be included in future system improvements, take a look [here](#).
- To get started, and to login to the system, visit [here](#).

In addition to the online support, we have a staffed helpdesk available to support you. To contact them, you can either email them on [gms@therfu.com](mailto:gms@therfu.com), or call them on 020 8831 665.

## Global Law Trials - tell us what you think

### **For action: CBs & Clubs**

A number of Global Law Trials have been introduced by World Rugby since the beginning of the season and applied to all games at all levels in England since 1 August 2017.

These Global Law Trials are designed to support player welfare and make the Laws simpler to play and watch. The 17 variations can be grouped around some key themes:

- Time – how the game is ended after a penalty kick
- Tackle/ruck – what the tackler must do and how a ruck can be formed
- Advantage – where multiple infringements have occurred giving the non-offending team the choice of which they feel is the most advantageous to them
- Touch, in goal and mark – putting the emphasis on where the ball is when it is played

The RFU is reviewing their effect and wants you to help shape the game of the future by responding to a survey, which also gives you the chance to win one of five pairs of tickets to see England in a Quilter International this November.

Please click [here](#) to provide your thoughts.

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