

## **New online coaching resource available for sevens rugby**

### **For action: Clubs**

England Rugby has opened a window of opportunity for an online coaching resource to enhance coaches' knowledge and understanding, specifically applied to sevens rugby. This innovative digital resource has been developed in conjunction with the England Sevens head coach Simon Amor, his support staff and playing squad.

The campaign window is now open, and we are excited to offer this opportunity to any coach keen to develop their sevens knowledge. If you are interested, you can find the link via the online course booking page, found here, and book on as normal. Once enrolled, you will receive emails, in a staged fashion, which will allow access to video tutorials. These will include four chapters:

1. Attacking Space
2. Pass / Support / Realignment
3. The Breakdown
4. Defensive Principles

Upon completion your RFU record will be updated with 'attendance'.

If you are undertaking any sevens coaching, we recommend you sign up for this opportunity to develop your knowledge of this format of the game.

For more information, please contact Dom Tripp ([domtripp@rfu.com](mailto:domtripp@rfu.com)).

## **Mitsubishi Motors launch 'Kit 4 Clubs' programme**

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In conjunction with Mitsubishi Motors, the 'Kit 4 Clubs' scheme has launched to support grass roots rugby. The scheme will give rugby clubs across England access to Mitsubishi Motors branded kit and equipment playing an important role in sustaining and developing a strong future for England Rugby.

#### *How does 'Kit 4 Clubs' work?*

The scheme is open to clubs affiliated to England Rugby (excluding universities, colleges and schools). When club members or their friends / family book an appointment to have a vehicle appraisal and test drive of a new or used Mitsubishi at their assigned dealership, the club will be credited with £30 towards new playing / training kit / equipment. Once a club reaches a balance of £300, they will be able to place orders through the Mitsimubishi Motors website where each club will have its own unique profile page.

#### *How do clubs register for the scheme?*

Each club must nominate a designated person responsible for their 'Kit 4 Clubs' account and this person will need to register their club. To register, please click [here](#).

#### *What happens next?*

Once registered, the designated person can access their club's profile page and monitor their account balance, see who their assigned dealer is, view all the branded products on offer, or place orders. The page also provides a unique link which the designated person should share with club members to allow them to create appointments at their assigned dealerships.

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

## **One year since instalment of Rugby365's first Artificial Grass Pitch**

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This week it'll be exactly one year since our first AGPs opened at Preston Grasshoppers RUFC, Aylesbury RFC and Hornets RFC. Since then we have opened another six pitches in 2017 across the country – with the aim of developing over 100 more artificial grass pitches (AGPs) over the next four years. In 2018 we look forward to seeing another 25 new pitches open across the country.

On the subject of artificial grass pitches, did you know the following:

- 7 AGPs have been opened between January 2017 & January 2018
- 600 matches have been played on Rugby365 AGPs since last year
- The AGPs have seen 2,500 hours of training
- There have been 106,000 players on the pitches
- 13,000 kids' rugby age-group players have benefitted from the AGPs
- Over 100 rugby organisations have accessed AGPs to date

To find out more about booking an AGP, click [here](#) or contact Jennifer Sudborough ([jennifersudborough@rfu.com](mailto:jennifersudborough@rfu.com)).

## **CASC Winter Newsletter available for download**

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

The latest edition of the CASC Newsletter is available for download [here](#). This edition includes news on the following:

- HMRC have de-registered some CASCs
- Fit and proper persons declaration and help sheet updated
- Making tax digital
- Gift aid

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## **Registration deadline extended for NatWest RugbyForce 2018**

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England Rugby is extending the deadline to register for NatWest RugbyForce 2018 until **Sunday 11th February**. This extension ensures the power of the NatWest 6 Nations is harnessed to spread the word about RugbyForce. Nothing changes for those clubs that have already signed up. It simply gives those who have not registered another week to do so.

Click [here](#) to sign up for NatWest RugbyForce 2018.

Clubs that register for NatWest RugbyForce 2018 can look forward to receiving a host of exciting rewards and benefits, from online toolkits, to marketing and communications advice and access to special offers - all to help clubs become successful businesses.

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