

FOR ACTION

Elections to the RFU Council: Guidance notes for CBs and National Representative Bodies

For action: CBs

At a Special General Meeting in November 2017, the RFU's members (clubs, Constituent Bodies (CBs), National Representative Bodies (NRBs), referee societies and Council members) agreed changes to the RFU's constitution. One of the key changes is that Council members will no longer be elected on an annual basis, but will be elected for terms of three years, up to an aggregate maximum of nine years (with some limited exemptions which are explained in the link below).

[Please click HERE](#) for a note which sets out how CBs and NRBs will need to elect their representatives, and some guidance as to best practice for holding elections.

Register for NatWest RugbyForce 2018

For action: Clubs

England Rugby in partnership with NatWest has launched NatWest RugbyForce 2018, the ninth year of a nationwide programme helping grassroots rugby clubs up and down the country attract new members and become stronger and more sustainable for the future.

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

Clubs that register for NatWest RugbyForce2018 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.

Don't miss out. Registration closes on 4 February 2018.

185 chances for women to Free Their Inner Warrior

For action: Clubs

The next wave of the Inner Warrior campaign takes place this month with 185 Warrior Camps due to take place from 12–28 January. Thanks to so many clubs for signing up to offer these rugby taster sessions to women all over the country. The 2018 campaign theme is 'New Year, New You', encouraging women to kick start their fitness routine for the new year and challenge themselves to take up a new sport.

Whether your club is running a Warrior Camp or not, please do get involved on social media – show your warrior face on Instagram or Twitter, using our hashtag #InnerWarrior and encourage other women to discover rugby through a Warrior Camp.

If your club has run a camp before or is running one this January, please do get in touch with us if you have inspiring stories from real women who have tried rugby for the first time – email ElizabethBox@RFU.com.

Nominations to open for Mitsubishi Motors Volunteer of the Year Awards

For action: All

Over the past twelve months, Mitsubishi Motors' support has helped the RFU enhance the volunteer recognition programme while also bringing a number of new and exciting opportunities, including the

Volunteer of the Year Awards, which 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.

Last year over 1500 entries were submitted for the Mitsubishi Motors Volunteer of the Year Awards as volunteers up and down the country were identified for their valuable work across the game. The four winners were announced at an awards evening at Twickenham Stadium, where they were awarded a Mitsubishi Motors vehicle of their choice, to keep for a year.

We want to recognise volunteers who have made a great contribution to their club and community during the past 12 months, so please share the word ([flyer available to download HERE](#)) and let us know about the people who have made a difference and deserve to be recognised for their achievements. Selected volunteers, plus guest, will then be invited to attend one of up to 42 local events at Mitsubishi Motors dealerships and Rugby Clubs from April - June 2018, at which recognition prizes will be awarded. One finalist from each event will then be invited to the awards evening at Twickenham Stadium on Friday 7th September where the overall winners will be announced.

Nominations will open at 12pm on Tuesday 9th January and close at 12am on Sunday 25th February 2018.

Nominate online at: www.englandrugby.com/mitsubishivolunteers/nominate

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