

The latest Community Game Update includes information on the following:

FOR INFORMATION

RFU Strategic Plan

For information: CB Chairmen, Honorary Secretaries and Treasurers. Cc: Council Members, Area Managers

Following the presentation of the new RFU Strategic Plan at the CB Leaders Conference and the official launch last month, 10 hard copies of the plan will be sent to CB Honorary Secretaries for onward distribution to the CB Board, Executive and other key roles within the CB.

The electronic version can also be found at www.englandrugby.com/strategicplan should you as the CB wish to forward the plan to your clubs.

A simplified presentation and commentary for use with clubs will also be made available to you shortly.

YRA Conference Update

For Information: CB Volunteers

CB Volunteers are invited to attend the upcoming Young Rugby Ambassadors leadership conferences.

The remaining three conferences are being held at:

- London Irish, Madejski Stadium, Sunday 19 November (10:30am start time)
- Exeter Chiefs & Jury's Inn Exeter, Saturday 2 December (10am start time)
- Ricoh Arena & Novotel Coventry, Saturday 2 December (11am start time)

Spaces are limited at all three events, so if you are interested in attending to get to know more about the YRA programme, meet YRAs from across the region and support the event, please email

JennyBox@RFU.com ASAP for more information.

Online Risk Assessment Tool

For Information: Clubs and CB's

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.

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.

24Sevens Local Qualifiers

For Information: Clubs, CBs

The 24Sevens series is looking to secure local qualifier events across the country ahead of 2018, and we are looking for interest from appropriate existing competitions that fit within the community nature of this tournament.

As we are looking to expand, we would love to hear of any non-elite competitions, as well as previous 24/Sevens local qualifiers to ensure we have an up to date list of requests.

If you wish to put forward your competition as a local qualifier, please complete the spreadsheet, saved [here](#), inserting the below information on Tab 1:

- 7s Competition name
- Main contact name
- Email
- Number

If you don't have all the details, just fill out what you know and we will be in touch with you for further information and feedback.

The aim of this series is to improve the playing opportunities around the countries via an organised sevens structure. As you are aware, this is an area of rugby which is currently undergoing massive growth and we expect this trend to continue.

If you have any queries or 7s related ideas to discuss, then please contact DomTripp@RFU.com.

Good Club Governance

For Information: Clubs

Governance has become an increasingly important issue that rugby union clubs have to address. This is due to examples of compliance requirements (legal & insurance), poor management, financial failure, and to maximise the opportunity of public funding resulting in a need for better sports administrative structures.

Guidance and information on good club governance for your club is readily available at www.englandrugby.com/governance and includes health checks, guides, and templates.

A good starting point is to complete the [RFU Good Club Governance Health Check](#).

Reminder of Betting Policy

For Information: Council Members and Board of Directors, CB Chairmen, CB Honorary Secretaries, Treasurers, Rugby Development

With the Old Mutual Wealth series and NatWest 6 Nations 2018 coming up it is an opportune time to remind you of the zero betting policy on rugby union anywhere in the world.

To summarise:

Do not bet on rugby

(directly or via third party) anywhere in the world

Do not share inside or confidential information

with third parties for betting purposes (see below to find out more about Inside Information)

Do not accept money or gifts

from anyone betting on rugby in return for information

Report anything suspicious

to RFU Anti-Corruption Officer (AlysLewis@rfu.com) or Confidential Hotline on 0208 831 6789 or at confidential@rfu.com

The above applies to everybody involved in the professional and semi-professional game and is regardless of whether you are directly involved in a match or whether you gain from the bet. It also applies to all forms of betting.

There are important regulations in place protecting the integrity of rugby that affect us all ([click here to read the RFU Regulation 17 - Anti-Corruption and Betting](#)), so please remind yourselves of the messages below to ensure you and our sport stay protected.

England Rugby supporting Rainbow Laces campaign

For Information: All

England Rugby, Premiership Rugby and the Rugby Players' Association are working with Stonewall to support and promote LGBT inclusion in rugby via the Rainbow Laces campaign which runs through November.

England Rugby will be promoting Stonewall's Rainbow Laces campaign in Twickenham Stadium during England's match against Samoa on Saturday 25th November with rainbow LEDSs and big screen VTs promoting the campaign.

The Rainbow Laces Campaign Week will be taking place from 24 November - 3 December. We are encouraging all players and clubs to show their support for inclusion in rugby and wear Rainbow Laces at their fixtures that weekend and/or support the cause on social media. Click [here](#) to download a

selection of social assets for use. For information on where to purchase Rainbow Laces, go to www.stonewall.org.uk/

Grassroots News

For the latest news from across the grassroots game, click [here](#).