

AGE GRADE RUGBY
PLAYING CALENDAR 2022-23

JANUARY 2022 - FINAL VERSION

A nationally consistent Menu and Calendar for our Age Grade Rugby players

Produced for the spectrum of Organisers of Age Grade Rugby competitions and representative rugby across England
Including in Constituent Bodies, County Schools Unions, National Partner Organisations, Club Community Teams, Regional Player Pathway Groups, Academies, Centres of Excellence and RFU Staff

The release of the Calendar supports the age grade game to plan locally for 2022-23 and continues to focus on our key strategic objective of retaining 14 to 18-year-olds in rugby, despite the challenges presented by the pandemic in 2019 to 2022.
When sharing the calendar, please underline it is important to recognise plans might need to be modified or delayed when we reach next season, relevant to the Covid-19 landscape at that time.

The main headlines of the 2022-23 Calendar are:

- All nationally organised competitions, Academy pathway and aspirational pathway activity (DPP, CB and Centre of Excellence activity and playing opportunities) and international preparation and events, remain nationally pre-populated in defined weeks not to be moved.
- The Girls calendar reflects the change to new age bands of U12, U14, U16 and U18 from the 2022-23 season, with the U15 pathway activity and national competition shifting to U16.
- U18 Male Calendar has realigned to ensure a 3 week break at Christmas for players playing Academy level rugby. U18 Male reflects that the Schools Champions Trophy competition no longer exists. U17 Male CB pathway developmental activity during the season is under discussion and will be confirmed asap.
- CB Age Grade Calendars no longer require central approval. CB Executives will provide this and check all stakeholders are consulted. CB Executives will be expected to publish their calendar on CB and partner websites.

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THE DIALOGUE THAT TAKES PLACE LOCALLY BETWEEN ALL STAKEHOLDERS THAT SUPPORT THE INDIVIDUAL PLAYER IS ESSENTIAL. THE NATIONAL AG CALENDAR IS RELEASED AT LEAST 9 MONTHS BEFORE THE SEASON TO ENABLE THIS TO START EARLY AND BE FULLY PLAYER-CENTRED. LOCAL COLLABORATION IS THE KEY AND IS AN EXPECTATION OF EVERYONE IN AGE GRADE RUGBY.

Age Grade Rugby: Player-Centred, Development-Driven, Competition-Supported