

Important information for GMS administrators

Ahead of the 2018/19 season, some significant changes have been made to processes in the following areas of GMS, to help CB & Club administrators:

Roles & Permissions

Age Grade Registration (formerly known as Youth Registration)

Electronic Match Card

Team Management

Please click on the links above to find more details on each area, and for more information please visit the **GMS Hub**. Alternatively, please contact the GMS Helpdesk at <u>GMS@rfu.com</u> or on 020 8831 6651.



Latest CASC newsletter released

The latest CASC newsletter is **available for download from here.** This edition includes: option for de-registered CASCs to re-apply, 'Making Tax Digital' requirements, use of Gift Aid, corporation tax deduction opportunity, and CASCs exposed to other taxes. If you have any questions, please contact Alex Thompson, RFU Club Management & Governance Manager (alexthompson@rfu.com).



RFU Handbook

As you may already be aware, to reflect the changing way in which the game is accessing information the RFU Handbook has been increasingly moving online. For the 2018/19 season the Handbook will be published in its entirety online at **englandrugby.com** and a more limited "RFU Rules & Regulations" document will be produced in hard copy in limited numbers. If your Club or Constituent Body would like to receive a printed copy of this document, please lodge your request at **regulations@rfu.com** by Friday 20 July. Hard copy versions will be distributed in early August.



Inner Warrior back at clubs nationwide – sign up to host a Warrior Camp

England Rugby's successful Inner Warrior campaign will return this year, with dates confirmed for the next wave as 31 August to 16 September. The campaign has helped increase women's rugby participation around the country, with around 5,000 women picking up a rugby ball for the first time and nearly 15,000 attendees across previous camps. The campaign is designed to encourage women to try rugby for the first time and free their Inner Warrior in a fun, sociable and commitment-free environment. The influx of players saw 41 new female club teams established in 2017, and the campaign won a prestigious BT Sports Industry and Women's Sport Trust #BeAGameChanger award recently.

We are encouraging clubs to sign up to host their own Warrior Camp this August/September. It's

a great way to kick off the new season and find some new recruits – you could combine it with a social pre-season BBQ? Registration will close on Monday 16 July. To register, **click here**, and for more information about Inner Warrior or hosting a camp, please get in touch via **innerwarrior@rfu.com**.



National U18 Cup registration window opens

Following an incredibly successful first season of the **National Under 18 Cup, with Maidenhead winners over Tynedale in a spirited final**, we are pleased to open entries for next seasons competition. Entries are once again capped at 128 teams, with priority given to the first 128 entries combined with consideration of the geographic spread, history in the competition and suitability to compete. To enter, please complete this **form.**



Out of season activity and summer camps

Approaching the school holidays, we felt it prudent to remind all CBs and clubs of our guidance for out of season activity and specifically for summer camps. The type of activity for out of season activity including summer camps can be found **here**, while a practical checklist for those running summer camp activity can be found on section 6.2 in the Age Grade Codes of Practice **here**.

As a reminder, all clubs, schools and third party providers wishing to run a summer camp need to obtain the approval of the CB as in regulation 15 (15.8.d). CBs may only approve summer camps if the camp organiser can demonstrate:

- 1. That they have followed the checklist within the Age Grade Codes of Practice (which include safeguarding and medical considerations).
- 2. That the camp programme activity is in line with the Out of Season Activity Guide
- 3. That the activity will be compliant with Regulation 15 (with grouping of players, maximum training times, rules of play etc).

We have been in contact with a number of third party providers to detail this information. If you are aware of any providers who are not in line with the regulations please do get in contact. For more information, please contact Chris Sigsworth, RFU Schools Operations Manager (chrissigsworth@rfu.com).



RFU seeking Women & Girls Council Member

There is a unique opening for a Women and Girls Council Member at the RFU, following Deborah Griffin's appointment as a representative to the World Rugby Council.

The Women and Girls Council Member is appointed by the Council for a term of up to three years and the person appointed will provide insight into the women and girls' game both at Council meetings and in collaboration with the professional staff.

They will have oversight of the inclusion, development and management of the women and girls game through the Strategic plan, Women and Girls Action Plan and the annual business plan. They will also collaborate with Council, RFU Committees and Constituent Bodies to ensure the growth and

governance of the women and girls game, offering insight, advice and raising any concerns.

Attending representative games and acting as an RFU ambassador within both the women and girls and wider game they will also be a member of the Women's Performance Management Group which oversees the Women's Development to Performance Pathway at England level and the top level of the women's domestic structure.

For further details on the role, please <u>click here.</u> To apply, please send your CV and cover letter to <u>ClaireMcDermott@rfu.com</u> on or before Tuesday 17 July 2018.



Win a coaching session with Danielle Waterman

OPRO the official mouthguard of England Rugby are giving away a coaching session with England Women's prolific try scorer Danielle Waterman, plus 20 Custom-Fit mouthguards. To enter, simply arrange an impression visit with OPRO for your club or school by the end of 2018 and you will automatically be entered into the competition. **Terms apply. Click here** for more information.



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