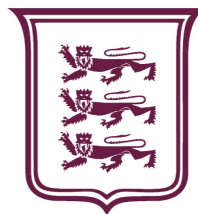




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"Strengthening clubs and growing the game in the communities around them"

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COACHING COURSES COMING SOON...

- **Play it Safe** (Safeguarding) - Wednesday 9th March 6.30pm start at Stroud RFC
- **Rugby Ready** - Monday 7th March at Stroud RFC 6pm start
- **Level 2 Refereeing 15 a side game** - University of Gloucestershire on Sunday 13th and 20th March 9-5pm both dates
- **Level 1 Coaching Children Rugby Union** - 21st, 22nd May & 4th Jun at Marling School, Stroud. 9-5pm all 3 dates.
- **Level 2 Coaching the 15 a side game** - 17th, 24th Apr & 15th May at Marling School, Stroud. 9-5pm all 3 dates

Please visit www.englandrugby.com/my-rugby/courses for more details

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RFU President's Awards

The awards are now open for nominations.

The overarching theme is to identify, recognise and reward outstanding volunteers from across the Rugby landscape.

The 7 basic categories have been broadened this year, to make it easier to identify and nominate volunteers who have made a real difference to the game.

To submit a nomination or to read more click [here](#)

RFU 2016
**PRESIDENT'S
AWARDS**



Rugby Football Foundation (RFF) Small Grants.

The RFF grants are available for clubs to apply for through the season & split into two grant options. The 'Helping Hand Grant' provides a mechanism for clubs to apply for a small grant of between £500 - £1,500 for eligible Capital Projects (for example a new set of rugby posts, redecorating the changing rooms etc.) with the club matching the grant on a £ for £ basis. Further details click [here](#) this includes guidance on what can be funded.

The "Groundmatch Scheme" provides easy-to-access grant funding for capital projects which contribute to the recruitment and retention of community rugby players. Clubs at level 5 and below can apply for between £1,500 and £5,000 on a matched £ for £ basis. Further details click [here](#).

Completed applications for both grants are considered on a rolling basis throughout the year. Clubs may only apply for one grant per project and are eligible for only £5,000 in a 24 month period. The RFF aspires to turnaround grants in eight weeks from receipt of a complete application. *Further details speak to [Ashley, RDO](#).*



RFU Groundsman Workshop Event.

Please to be providing an evening with Head Groundsman at Twickenham, Keith Kent, & local RFU pitch maintenance partners.

Open to all club Groundsman, or anyone involved with pitch maintenance. This free workshop will take place on evening of **Monday 7th March at Avonmouth RFC.**

Details to follow, but to register your interest contact your RDO. *Don't forget to check out the RFU's pitch maintenance guidance online [here](#) for tips and advice throughout the year.*



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Game Management System (GMS) support.

To help clubs understand the system, a series of GMS workshops will be held in the county. These are aimed at those perhaps new to it or those looking to get a refresher on the basic functions & how it can help your club. Sessions will be offered to specific club roles so they cover the essentials.

Course dates & times to follow. For any questions please speak with [Ashley](#) or contact GMS Support desk.

Don't forget to be eligible for the GRFU Kit Incentive Scheme GMS must be kept up to date.

Age Grade Review changes coming September 2016.

Following a four year review of rugby for under 18s led by the RFU, in consultation with a wide cross section of the game, the "new" Age Grade Rugby will roll out from September 2016.

The Age Grade Competition Review found there to be a lack of clarity of the competition pathway for young players, conflict between club, school, college and the representative competition structure calendar, a tendency to overplay the talented players and underplay those less able to achieve results. September 2016 will also see the full roll out of the New Rules of Play under Regulation 15.

The principle behind the New Rules of Play is to provide a playing format with building blocks to the 15-a-side game. This will allow players time to get to grips with the basics of running and catching the ball, before contact and specialism is gradually introduced. The schools and clubs that have trialled the New Rules of Play, have been extremely positive about the results and believe they give each player more chance to play in an environment based on activity, safety and fun. The Age Grade Rugby pages have been updated on www.englandrugby.com/agegraderugby. This contains information about the changes, the rationale for these and also some frequently asked questions. .

Finally to support the rollout campaign there will be a national Age Grade Rugby Roadshow starting in Mid-February.

The nearest event will be at **North Bristol RFC on Wednesday 9th March 7pm start.**

Please confirm your attendance to agegraderugby@rfu.com. The events are open to those in clubs, schools, colleges and will again provide key information on the changes and practical advice to implement these.



New to Friday Nights!

Social nights under lights in Cheltenham at Prince of Wales stadium. Social playing opportunity for teams, groups or individuals. Pitch Up & Play focused on fun with friends 17-19 years.

From February - April the RFU local team are running a local U19 floodlit league from 7.30 - 9pm. All male players are welcome to come and play.

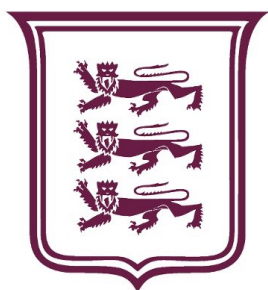
Turn up as an individual, as a group or as a team. No need to register beforehand; Come when you can make it, even if it is only once; Free to play.

Dates are; 12th & 26th Feb, 11th & 25th March, 8th & 22nd April.

Further details email the organisers by clicking [here](#).

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GRFU Small Grants Available!

Reminder for clubs who've not yet applied successfully for a GRFU small grant, to support player recruitment & retention, that there is still some funding left!

Do you have an idea to help keep or recruit players but need a helping hand? Did you know there is up to £250 available to support clubs?

If you have an idea & have not applied this season please click [here](#) and complete the application form to apply. Previous projects funded include schools work to develop girls rugby, touch rugby events and community days.

GRFU Kit Incentive Scheme 2015/16.

Gloucestershire RFU have also ring fenced funding to reward clubs for achievements throughout the season, which now form part of the new reward and recognition scheme. The aim being to turn achievements into kit. There is nothing extra required from clubs, other than business as usual.

Clubs can download the criteria [here](#) and should return their completed forms to their local RDO before the **deadline of 1 May 2016**. Clubs need to ensure that they have submitted previous season's accounts & paid their subs to the GRFU Treasurer by 31.12.15 to be eligible.

For further information please speak to your local RDO.



Young Rugby Ambassador (YRA) Re-Launch.

Following Rugby World Cup 2015 the RFU is focusing on the legacy of the tournament both on and off the pitch. A particular part of this is a commitment to supporting and developing young ambassadors in the game to be future influencers and leaders.

The Young Rugby Ambassador (YRA) programme provides a platform for volunteers, aged between 14 and 25 years, to log their hours and receive incentives and rewards for the time they have invested in developing rugby in their local community. The RFU has partnered with inspired, a leading youth social action charity, to use their online system and awards for rugby's YRAs.

The RFU is encouraging YRAs to get involved in a range of volunteer opportunities, both on and off the pitch including event management, fundraising, refereeing, coaching and as leaders in their school, college or university. By providing a flexible approach to getting involved, the opportunity is open to all young people involved in rugby whether they are in school, college, university or community rugby club. In return for hours completed there is a range of incentives to reward. Plus obviously a great way to get younger people involved with your club development and running.

For more information on the YRA programme please click [here](#), speak to your RDO or keep up to date with their activity on Twitter and Instagram via @RFUYouth.

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