



RFU COMMUNITY GAME UPDATE

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Welcome to the 11th Community Game Update which is sent to out to all the addresses listed above.

With 153 days to go to the start of Rugby World Cup 2015, the focus for NatWest RugbyForce clubs is preparing their projects for the weekend of 27th/28th June and getting ready to embrace the opportunities that hosting the Tournament will bring. Please encourage other activities in your community or CB to sign up to the Festival of Rugby and take part in the celebrations.

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CB & Club Honorary Secretaries, Junior Chairmen

Goggles Trial feedback

For the 2014-15 season, the RFU has been running a trial to enable the wearing of certain sports goggles by players playing contact rugby at the Under 13 age grade and below, subject to satisfying the trial conditions. This trial is a variation of the RFU's current regulations which prohibits all types of goggles to be worn in contact rugby. Please see attached

communication that was circulated to the Game.

In order for the RFU to assess whether the trial should continue, we have been inviting constituent bodies, clubs and parents to feedback any observations that they may have about the trial, including in particular, if they are aware of any injuries (howsoever minor) that may have occurred as a result of goggles being worn, to either the wearer or to other players.

Thank you to those who have provided feedback. This is very much appreciated. If you have not provided feedback but would like to, please provide your comments to Alys Lewis at AlysLewis@rfu.com

CB & Club Chairmen

London Marriott 7s Cash back Scheme

Please find attached a flyer providing details of the cash back offer associated with the London Marriott 7s at Twickenham, 16th & 17th May 2015.

For further details about the event that is heading into space please click [here](#)

Club Chairmen

Reminder: Win a rugby training session with England Coaches

Don't forget your chance to nominate the most deserving player from your club (aged over 18 years), entering them into a prize draw to win a place on a money-can't-buy training session held by England Coaches.

The session will be held on Tuesday 5 May 2015 at Twickenham and will be run by Graham Rowntree (England Forwards Coach) and Mike Catt (England Attacking Skills Coach). The session includes an exclusive Q&A session over lunch. Don't miss this once in a lifetime opportunity.

HOW TO ENTER: Go to www.bmw.co.uk/wintrainingsession to nominate your player (aged over 18 years) before midnight on **Sunday 19 April**

For Distribution

CB & Club Honorary Secretaries: distribute to relevant coaches

Under 13 Girls Rugby

In June 2014, the RFU Governance Committee decided that it is right to remove the dispensation for 12 year old girls to play up in the U15 age band from season 2015/16.

The implementation of the above has been monitored by the Schools and Youth Governance Committee.

The Local Delivery Team, Rugby Development Officers, Community Rugby Coaches and Women's Rugby Development Officers are on hand in the field to support any individual club that needs it and there are specific coaching resources and game explanations available including a full DVD that helps coaches to understand the game and coach the skills required. Please contact your local Women's rugby Development Officer for further information.

CB & Club Honorary Secretaries: distribute to relevant coaches

Reminder: Women's League Registration

As a club please take the next two weeks to look at your future aspirations and your current

league status, those clubs wishing to take promotion or play in a playoff must be able to meet the criteria for the league above and prove this before the playoff's take place.

The closing date for league rugby for the 2015-16 season is the 3rd May 2015. If you fail to register your club you will not be entered in a league, please where possible can you put down your Secretary and Fixture Secretary for the new season so when we produce the leagues we have the correct contacts that can act on behalf of your club.

Any problems please do not hesitate to contact keelyfathers@rfu.com or your local WRDO.

For Information

Nothing this month

